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Concern at expulsions in Moscow

The Russians are showing signs of wishing to end the cycle of tit-for-tat expulsions.

CND to fight in marginals

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament has declared war on the Government in marginal seats in the general election.

Recovery hope

Britain is on the brink of a sustained economic recovery, according to Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, governor-elect of the Bank of England.

Star's operation



Ethel Merman, the 78-year-old stage and screen star, who is recovering from a successful operation to remove a brain tumour in a New York hospital.

Brazilian fears

Brazilians' faith in the future is being seriously eroded for the first time by the economic crisis which has brought high inflation and heavy unemployment.

Demolition job

A concrete factory in Cranleigh, Surrey, was partly demolished by a squad said to have been brought in by property developers.

Gibraltar hope

A letter from the Defence Secretary indicated that dialogue on closure of the naval dockyard was still open, Gibraltar's union leader said.

De Lorean debt

A new attempt has been launched to help British creditors retrieve some of the £43m owed to them after the collapse of the De Lorean car company.

Cup finalists

Manchester United, conquerors of Arsenal, and Brighton, conquerors of Sheffield Wednesday, will contest the FA Cup Final at Wembley on May 21.

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Thatcher to be told Fortress Falklands policy is untenable

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The Government is likely to be told soon by an all-party committee, in which its own supporters predominate, that its policy of Fortress Falklands, however necessary in the short term, does not offer a stable long-term future for the islands.

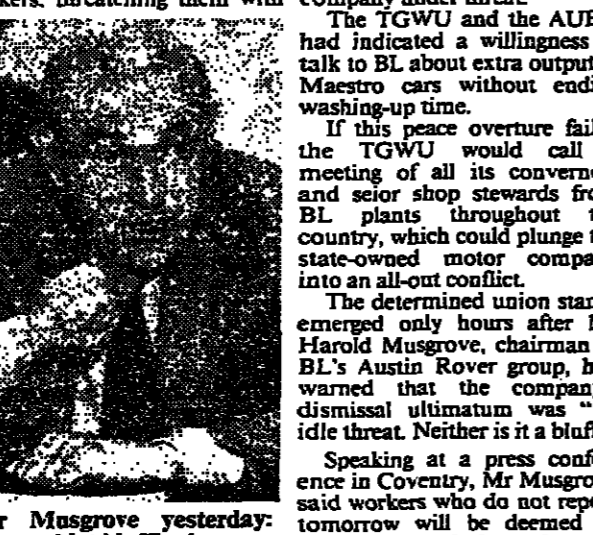
Duffy initiative to end BL strike

From Barrie Clement, Eastbourne

A new initiative to end the three-week strike at BL's Cowley plant was launched yesterday by Mr Terence Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

Mr Duffy said a solution could be reached around compensatory payments for the loss of the three-minute period.

He said it was not an insurmountable problem and he insisted that there was no sign of disunity between the TGWU and the AJEUW.



Mr Musgrove yesterday: 'Not bluffing'

New Zealand welcomes royal couple

Crowds of well wishers welcomed the Prince and Princess of Wales and their baby son to Auckland yesterday when they arrived from Australia to begin a two-week tour of New Zealand.

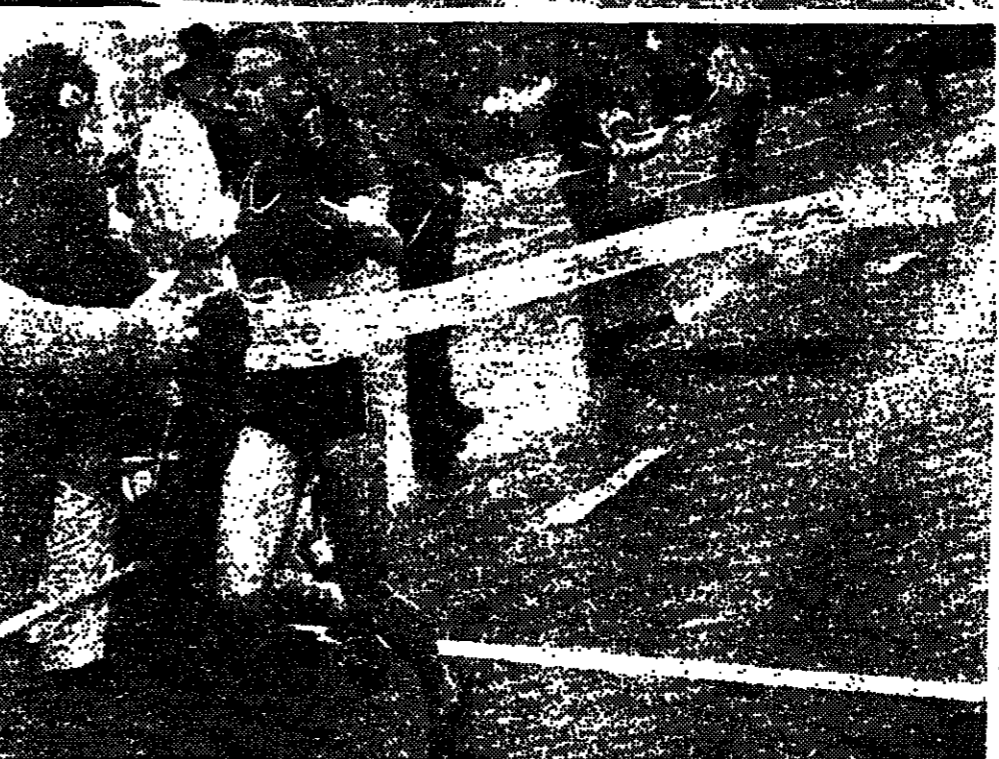
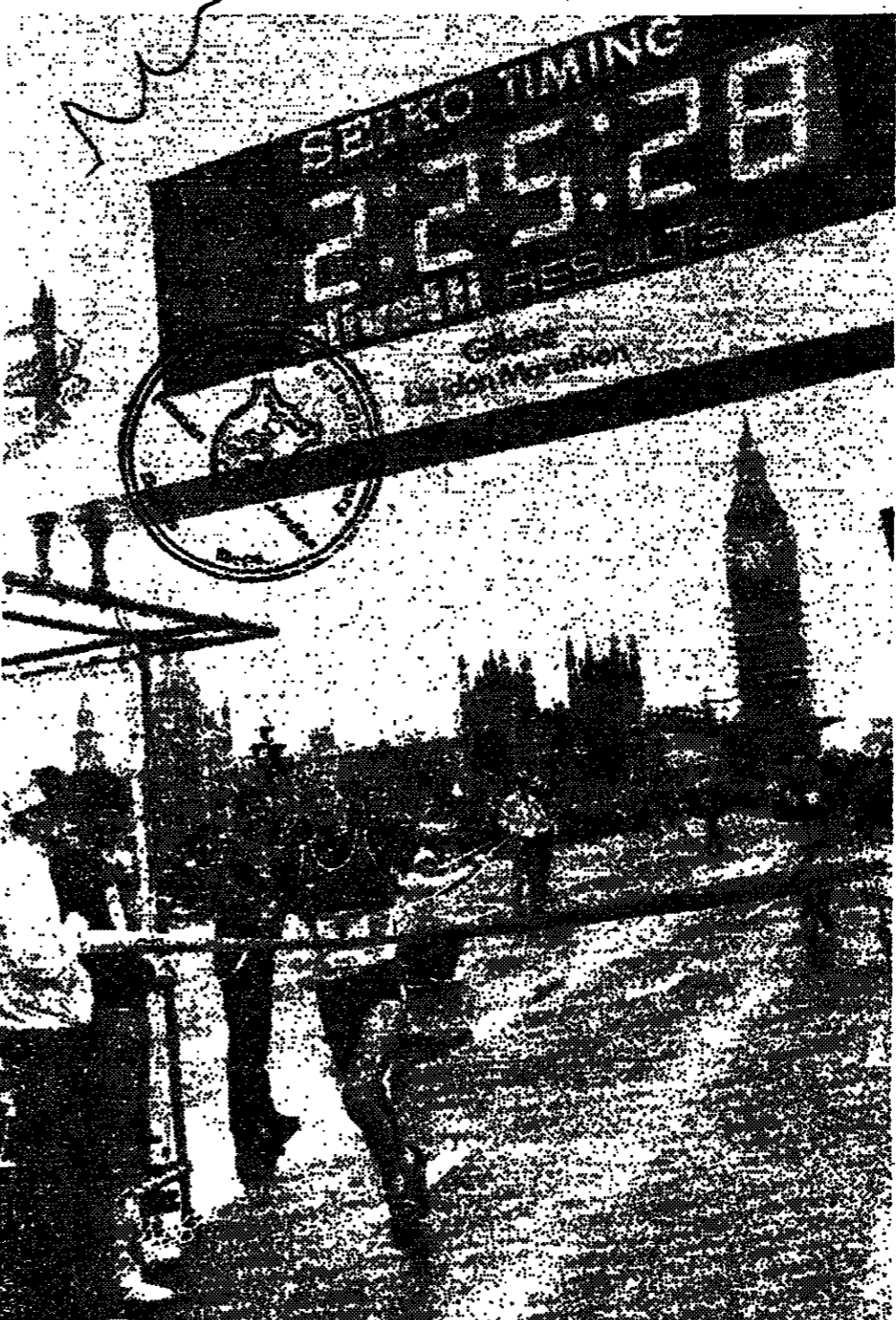
Militia stop ghetto tribute in Warsaw

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Carrying daffodils and candles, more than 1,000 Polish Jews and Solidarity sympathizers staged a peaceful demonstration yesterday on the site of the former Warsaw ghetto.

The demonstrators had gathered at the former Umschlagplatz - the square where the ghetto Jews were rounded up by Nazi troops during the war - and after being dispersed by the several hundred militiamen, rallied around a memorial.

The heavy police presence was a sign of the high security alert in the Polish capital at present. The lead-up to May Day, when large street protests are planned, and the presence in Warsaw of more than 1,000 official Jewish delegates from all over the world has heightened the sense of tension.



With Greta Waitz only inches from the finish, the clock shows 2hr 25min 28sec. A fraction later, as she bursts the tape, the clock is unchanged. (Photographs: John Voos)

Marathon woman robbed by a fraction

By Rupert Morris

After racing 26 miles and 385 yards through the streets of London, Greta Waitz was cheated of a new women's world marathon record by a fraction of a second yesterday.

A cheering and screaming crowd had urged her over Westminster Bridge, and as she passed the finishing line below the huge electronic clock showing two hours, 25 minutes and 28 seconds, they were convinced they had seen a new world record.

So was the Norwegian Miss Waitz. She appeared in the press room believing she had broken Allison Roe's record by a second. When asked how she felt, she said: "Well don't forget Roe and Benoit (Joan Benoit of the United States) are going for the record in the Boston marathon later today, so I don't know how long my record will last."

Miss Waitz's "record" time was flashed round the world and it was more than an hour later that the embarrassed organizers issued a correction.

Her full time had been 2hr 25min 28.66sec, but the hundreds of a second not shown on the clock had to be rounded up to 2:25:29, equalling Miss Roe's best.

The time for the race winner, Michael Gratton, of Canterbury, Kent, was also rounded up to 2:09:43.

But hundreds of a second meant little to the small band of bedraggled figures wrapped in silver foil seen wandering away from County Hall much later in the day.

They were the remnants of the third Gillette London Marathon, an event that now has a firm place in the international sporting calendar and in the minds of runners of all abilities who simply enjoy taking part.

Perhaps it was this spirit that persuaded Mr Christopher Brasher, the former Olympic athlete who is the event's chief organizer, and the Greater London Council, to settle their differences and agree on a date for next year's London Marathon.

Reactions behind the scenes over the participation of wheelchair competitors, and the conflicting demands of money-wise public relations men and Labour ideologues on the GLC, had been such that it had been rumoured that this might be the last marathon.

But Mr Brasher and Mr Tony Banks, Chairman of the GLC Arts and Recreation Committee, yesterday issued a joint statement congratulating themselves on "a lusty and enjoyable event", and looking forward to a repeat on May 13, 1984.

This will be welcome news for the hundreds of thousands who huddled under umbrellas all along the route to cheer the athletes on. Real marathon enthusiasts were breathing in the damp morning air and the

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Chancellor widens June poll chance

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

The odds on a June general election hardened over the weekend when it emerged that Sir Geoffrey Howe, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is among the ministers who favour June, like Mr Cecil Parkinson, the party chairman, and Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment.

For the ministers now ready to be convinced about June the anticipated rise in the unemployment figures in the autumn because of the impact of the higher than average number of school-leavers is an important factor.

Mr Roy Jenkins, leader of the Social Democrats, yesterday attacked Labour's recently published campaign document, The New Hope for Britain. He suggested that it would be more appropriately entitled "no hope for Britain".

Reports that right-wing union leaders have been secretly drawing up plans to persuade Mr Michael Foot to step down as leader of the Labour Party before the next election, were last night dismissed as "absolutely untrue" by Mr William Siron, general secretary of the Iron and Steel Trades Confederation (our Labour Correspondent writes).

Maxwell's ultimatum

The chairman of Oxford United Football Club, Mr Robert Maxwell, has threatened to resign unless the club supporters drop their opposition to his proposed merger with Reading.

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# Moderates act to save Foot embarrassment over hard line on wages

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor, Rotherham

Moderate trade union leaders moved quickly yesterday to minimize the potential political damage of a vote against all incomes policies, expected at the Scottish TUC conference on Wednesday.

The vote became a near certainty last night when Transport and General Workers' Union delegation agreed to support a hard-line motion from the Scottish miners and civil servants opposing any discussion on curbs on free collective bargaining.

But the General, Municipal, Boilermakers' and Allied Trades Union, traditionally one of Labour's most loyal allies, was tabling an emergency motion aimed at winning endorsement for the TUC-Labour Party joint policy statement, *Partners in Rebuilding Britain*, including the "national economic assessment", which covers wage talks.

Mr David Bassett, that union's general secretary and chairman of the TUC's economic committee, said: "It is essential that we go into the election with a clear understanding on how we relate to each other. We are in a pre-election period. Appearances are vital."

The municipal workers are therefore seeking to preempt the pay policy debate by putting down a resolution that gives unqualified support for the TUC's political accord with the Shadow Cabinet, signed last month.

If the conference arrangements committee permits, that will be discussed tomorrow, the day before the Scottish miners' proposal ruling out all discussion on wage restraint "whether statutory, voluntary or through a national economic assessment with this or any other government".

Both policy options are likely to be supported, leaving the traditionally militant Scottish TUC facing both ways on this sensitive issue, but diminishing the risk of an embarrassing snub to Mr Michael Foot, the party leader, and Mr James Mortimer, Labour's general secretary, both of whom are due to speak at the conference this week.

Mr Foot is also taking his unity message to the policy-making conference of the engineering section of Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers in Eastbourne, eliciting with a clear understanding on how we relate to each other. We are in a pre-election period. Appearances are vital."

Mr Bassett added: "You cannot just sit back and ignore that. There must be some dialogue between the Labour government and the unions on the national economic assessment, but without the rigidity of which we have had such unfortunate experiences in the past."

# Union's leaders back pay curb

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter, Eastbourne

Delegates to the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers conference are to be asked this week to support talks on pay restraint between the TUC and the Labour Party.

The deliberations of delegates in Eastbourne will be of considerable interest to Conservatives hoping for signs that the TUC-Labour Party national economic assessment, which calls for talks on pay, is not being fully supported by one of the most influential unions.

The present TUC policy strongly states its commitment to "free collective bargaining" and opposition to pay talks with "any other government".

The right-wing led engineering union is considered one of the "big battalions" of the TUC and its one million block vote, and the influence of the Transport and General Workers' Union, will be decisive in determining policy.

Mr Terence Duffy, the engineering workers' president, and his executive will throw their weight behind the motion, which would mean opposition to the increasing influence of the moderates at the top of the union is seen in the invitation to speak at the conference to Mr



Mr John Monsell sitting on the remains of his company's factory.

# Factory bulldozed in raid

A six-man demolition squad arrived at 4.30am yesterday morning and used a large tracked excavator party to demolish a thriving concrete factory owned and operated by a six-man cooperative.

A resident nearby was woken by the noise and alerted members of the cooperative, who arrived too late to stop the destruction. The police arrived shortly afterwards and told men to stop the demolition and that they faced a charge of breach of the peace.

The cooperative last night were maintaining a 24-hour guard of what remained of Cranleigh Concrete, at Cranleigh, Surrey.

The men had bought the factory three years ago from the receiver when the previous company was put into liquidation by the Inland Revenue. Since then business has boomed for the men, who produce concrete lintels.

However, Estates and General Investments Ltd, a London-based company responsible for developing the trading estate, were told by Surrey County Council that as part of the council's structural development plan for the estate, the factory had to be demolished, and returned to agricultural use.

The cooperative agreed to move but had difficulty in finding a new site which would allow semi-heavy engineering. Threatened with demolition, the cooperative secured a county court injunction against the property developers taking any action against the works until such time as they had found a new site.

The cooperative was in negotiation at the weekend when the demolition squad moved in. According to Mr

# Rib injury beats solo Pole trekker

By Ronald Faux

David Hempleman-Adams, the solo British explorer, abandoned his attempt to ski to the North Pole because of a badly bruised rib suffered in a fall as he was crossing a pressure ridge on his 400-mile trek.

From Resolute Bay, Canada, last night, he told *The Times* that the pain of the injury as he moved across the ice for up to 12 hours a day was almost causing him to lose consciousness.

"If that had happened in those temperatures I would not have got up again. I put up the tent and called the plane", he said.

The decision was deeply frustrating because the worst of the journey was behind him. "The ice conditions were perfect, probably the best for years, because it had been the coldest spring for 20 years. From the 88th Parallel it is completely flat going and in those conditions I was probably only eight to 10 days from the Pole."

After the luxury of a hot shower Mr Hempleman-Adams said that his 38 days on the ice had been in the coldest spring for two decades, with temperatures of -59° and a wind chill factor that forced the cold down to -89°. "In that kind of temperature it is impossible for anyone to do anything", he said.

He believed the expedition had shown that a small group of people could produce a worthwhile result. The maximum cost was £25,000, he said, and without wanting to detract from Trans globe expedition achievements, they had probably spent £5m on the North Pole section, he said.

"We did half the distance for £25,000 and I think we proved that it would be possible with luck and good conditions. I did not think I suffered much. I went hungry and the rib hurt, but I think it was probably worse for the people back in Britain. I am very disappointed for them."

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Apart from his bruised rib, Mr Hempleman-Adams is no worse for the experience. One polar bear did appear at a distance but did not threaten him.

He plans to return to London on Thursday.

# Science report

## Hormone harvest raised by new jelly

By the Staff of Nature

The production of hormones, vaccines and other valuable compounds may become much simpler and more efficient because of a process invented by Swedish and Austrian scientists. The process enables animal cells to be held in a kind of jelly so that they continue to grow and secrete the compounds of value for some weeks.

The process has been developed by a team led by Professor Klaus Mestbach of the University of Lund, an expert in techniques of immobilizing animal and bacterial cells without destroying their functions.

One animal, however, he forgave for suspecting that the technique newly described by Professor Mestbach and his colleagues in Lund and Vienna was designed to kill cells, because it involves mixing them not only with agarose, a gelatinous substance, but also with paraffin oil.

The purpose of the oil is to make the gelatinous compound form into tiny beads in which the animal cells are suspended. The oil is then removed, having produced a mesh but no harm to the cells.

Two lines of evidence prove that point. The first is that examination of a small group of people could produce a worthwhile result. The maximum cost was £25,000, he said, and without wanting to detract from Trans globe expedition achievements, they had probably spent £5m on the North Pole section, he said.

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# CND will concentrate its attack on Tories in marginal seats

By Nicholas Timmins

The Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament is to concentrate its efforts at the general election on marginal seats to try to oust the Conservative Government. Although SND's policy will be not to endorse any political party or candidate, Mrs Joan Ruddock, the chairman, said yesterday that "given the Government's records, we have to create a position where people who support our stance cannot vote Conservative."

CND's national council, meeting in London, decided to instruct its parliamentary and elections committee to concentrate resources on the marginal seats, in which it will be asking all candidates where they stand on nuclear disarmament, and attempting to ensure that their views are well known locally.

"We shall be advising people to vote for nuclear disarmament", Mrs Ruddock said. "The record of the Government is such that they cannot be called a party with a programme of nuclear disarmament."

The Conservatives were accepted the missile, and through Trident were embarking on a programme of a rapid increase in nuclear weapons in Britain. "Anyone wanting to support CND could not conceivably cast a vote for a Conservative candidate unless that individual makes a break with party policy." That, at the least, would mean opposition to Trident, Mrs Ruddock added.

The implication was clear that any combination of political parties would be better than the present one in government. "It was a case of 'if you can't change the government, replace the government'."

The effort would go into marginal seats held by all parties, she said, to try to get a government elected committed to disarmament. There might be more than one candidate in constituencies standing on a disarmament platform.

With the date of the general election still not clear, CND has yet to decide what resources to put into an election campaign, but it is eager to see disarmament as a prime issue.

Through its "peace canvass", and by writing to individual candidates, it intends to be able to set out candidate's views on disarmament issues, and where they stand in relation to party policies. "We will then make those positions public knowledge and we intend to give the issue as much exposure as possible", Mrs Ruddock said.

● Mrs Ruddock, who has just returned from a lecture tour in the United States, said she was consulting her solicitor over allegations by Dr Gerard Vaughan on her work for the Citizens Advice Bureau.

● The nuclear power station planned for Sizewell, in Suffolk, could take Britain a step closer to a "nuclear holocaust", the campaign said yesterday.

# FitzGerald faces defeat on abortion clause

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Republic of Ireland's coalition government faces possible defeat in the Dail on its wording of the proposed constitutional amendment to ban the abortion. Dr Garret FitzGerald, the Prime Minister, admits that the outcome of the vote is "uncertain".

Although Fine Gael will impose a three-line whip at least five backbenches are prepared to defy the party and if necessary support the opposition Fianna Fail's alternative wording.

If Fianna Fail's wording succeeds, Mr FitzGerald and his party would campaign against it in the subsequent referendum because of what the Prime Minister has called "its fatal defects".

The churches are publicly divided in a way that has not been seen in the Republic for 20 years. Fine Gael's wording is backed by the three main Protestant churches but opposed by the Roman Catholic hierarchy; the position is reversed for the Fianna Fail wording.

During the last few weeks the Roman Catholic Church has vigorously entered the debate. It is thought that it has been behind the anti-abortion Pro-life campaign but had not wished to reveal its hand too early on this highly sensitive issue, which has dominated political, legal and theological argument for months.

FitzGerald, indicating that the referendum may be held in the last two weeks of June, said that he hoped sufficient deputies would see the logic of the position, take their moral responsibility, and support his wording.

People still had to make up their minds, but the defects in the Fianna Fail wording meant that it would be totally irresponsible to support their alternative.

"It was not easy for us. We knew that when we decided that, we had to point out the defect.

The original wording, drafted by Mr Charles Haughey in the dying days of his second administration last November, recognized the "right to life of the unborn...with due regard to the equal right of life of the mother".

However, entering office and listening to the advice of the Attorney General and the Director of Public Prosecutions, FitzGerald rejected the wording on the ground of ambiguity.

His government's wording says: "Nothing in this constitution shall be invoked to invalidate any provision of the law on the grounds that it prohibits abortion."

# Seven jailed on 'inadequate scientific evidence'

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

Seven people jailed for up to 14 years for explosives offences were convicted on inadequate scientific evidence, according to a BBC television *Panorama* programme to be shown tonight.

In an examination of the Home Office's forensic science service and whether it is weighted too much in favour of police and prosecution, the programme looks at the case of "Annie Maguire's bomb factor".

Mrs Maguire, her husband, their two sons and three other men were convicted in 1976 of handling nitro-glycerine after a police investigation of the Provisional IRA bombings at Guildford, Surrey.

According to *Panorama*, the evidence against the seven consisted of traces of nitro glycerine found on their hands or gloves. The traces amounted to a thousandth of a gramme of sugar and they were examined by a test known as "thin-layer chromatography, which destroyed them.

Dr Brian Caddy, of Strathclyde University, conducted similar tests for the programme and says that the "thin-layer" is not conclusive.

The Home Office has recently been asked by three Conservative, Labour and

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# Woolworth's face threat of shop sit-ins

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Woolworth's High Street stores face the possibility of industrial action and occupation by the shop workers' union if the company's new management tries to cut the 37,000-strong workforce as part of its move to stem falling profits.

The conference of the Union of Shop, Distributive and Allied Workers will debate motions next week calling on the union to adopt a policy opposed to any job cuts. The more militant of the motions from the union's south-east London area, says store closures must be opposed, using industrial action, including occupation of stores and depots where necessary."

The union has a moderate tradition but officials believe the members' mood is changing, as the recession has meant that many have lost their jobs. Last year the union's membership fell by more than 20,000 to 417,000 because of redundancies, with the heaviest impact being felt by women.

The day accepted closure of about twenty-five of the more than 1,000 Woolworth stores under the old management, but the first test of any militant policy is likely to come in Liverpool, where the company wants to close its main store, which employs more than 300 people. It has promised to try to transfer the staff to other stores.

Woolworth, which is the fifth largest retailing business in Britain, was taken over in a £310m deal at the end of last year by Paternoster Stores, which comprised a consortium of 30 City institutions.

An Udaw official said last night: "A year ago I would have said that the motion would not have stood much chance of being passed, but now it is by no means certain."



Popular prop: The Rolls-Royce Dart, one of the best-selling aero engines of all time, which celebrates its thirtieth birthday today. Since it made its debut on British European Airways' London-to-Paris Viaconnet service in the spring of 1953 more than 7,000 Darts have been sold, earning Rolls-Royce £450m. It is at present in production for the British Aerospace 748, and the Fokker F27.

# Tories accused of scuttling shipbuilding

Mr Gordon Brown, the chairman of the Labour Party in Scotland, accused Mr. George Younger, the Secretary of State for Scotland, yesterday of "making Scott Lithgow workers the scapegoat in a Tory plan to scuttle Scottish shipbuilding".

He told Glasgow district Labour Party's annual meeting: "It is a spiteful act of Tory revenge for their defeat 10 years ago in the Clyde's right to work campaign. After halving the number of jobs in steel and aluminium in four years, the Tory proposal is now to axe shipbuilding jobs by half in less than a year."

He accused the Government of sitting back while the Koreans won all shipping orders by using King Fir rules, which he said means paying slave wages and subsidizing ships from military budgets. He added that investment in British shipbuilding was now only 1 per cent of all British capital investment, where it was 10 per cent 10 years ago.

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# 'We shall return' pledge after families form Falklands association

By Richard Evans

The families of Servicemen who died in the Falklands returned home from their 12-day visit to the South Atlantic yesterday and immediately spoke of repeating the journey.

Most of the 541 relatives who made the 16,000-mile round trip have joined the Falkland Families Association, which was formed on board the liner Cunard Countess on the return journey from the islands.

"Everyone left they wanted to come back and all the families wanted to stay in contact with each other", Miss Sue Taylor, secretary of the new association, said.

The association has elected a committee of eight, which will meet soon to start discussing the return trip.

"We hope to go back in five years as long as jets can land in Port Stanley. Once the airfield is extended that will make a trip easier to organize. We want to have get-togethers in regional areas and have a newsletter to let families know what everyone else is doing."

Looking exhausted after a 17-hour flight from Montevideo, Uruguay, many relatives said how much better they felt for having been to the scene of the conflict. Nearly all spoke with affection about their welcome from the islanders.

Mrs Diane Burke, from Rhyl, north Wales, who made the trip with her son Craig, aged two, said: "The journey was well worthwhile if only to get some idea of what my husband and the others went through."

Mrs Pam Morse, whose son was among the Welsh Guards who died at Bluff Cove, said: "I feel much better now. It was all

hard to bear, but it was something we had to face up to. The home journey was much better. We have come to terms with it now."

Mr Harry Taylor, whose on Nick was the first Harrier pilot killed in the Falklands, said: "We had a great trip and it has been really worthwhile. I think a lot of tension has gone as a result of this."

"Let me never hear people talking about a grotty, barren island. Where Nick is buried on Goose Green it is exactly like our home at Dartmoor and the community is looking after it tremendously. All the cemeteries are well designed and looked after."

"I am definitely going back and the other people I spoke to on the way home said they would gladly go without holidays for the next five years so that they can save up and return."

The desire to return was particularly strong among widows with young children. "I want to go back for my son's sake. He is too young to realize what happened and I want to take him back to see what his father lost his life for", Mrs Joan Sweet, from Aberdeen, Mid Glasgow, said.

Mrs Janet Stewart, of Bredon, Gloucestershire, whose son Matthew died on board ship on his eighteenth birthday, said: "Like a lot of the mothers who went on the journey, I am determined to go back. We are still looking for our sons. It is the hope of seeing something on beach somewhere in the Falklands that will keep us going."

But she added: "Our sons'

sacrifices were not worth it. The enormous tragedy of their deaths is not appreciated by the islanders. They are grateful, but they have no idea of what it meant to us."

Her husband added: "To us it was a shock to find out that this was what our sons died for. Port Stanley is a rubbish dump and the islanders do not want to get off their backsides to do anything about it."

The Rev Richard Buckley, a Royal Navy chaplain, who conducted the act of remembrance for HMS Sheffield, said the pilgrimage had helped the relatives to pay their respects and honour the memory of their loved ones.

"I have been humbled by their tremendous courage. He fully supported the formation of the families' association and the plan to return to the South Atlantic."

• A Scottish consortium, including British Shipbuilders' Goven yard, has put in a £5m bid to build a temporary harbour for Port Stanley (Our Glasgow Correspondent writes.)

The harbour, a modern version of the "Mulberry Harbour" used to supply Allied forces after the Normandy landings in 1944, would supply valuable work to Govan, which faces 1,100 redundancies over the next nine months.

The government contract is to help to get supplies to the Falklands' 4,000-strong garrison more quickly.

• The North Sea Ferries ship Norland returns to her base at Hull today after a post-Falklands duty refit costing more than £2m at Immingham. Our Hull Correspondent writes.



The homecoming: Relatives who returned yesterday included Mrs Sara Jones (top left), widow of Colonel "H" Jones, VC; Miss Sue Taylor (top right), secretary of the new Falkland Families Association; Mrs Pam Morse (bottom left), and Mrs Diane Burke (bottom right). (Photograph: Orde Eliason).

## Minister says Lords will accept police Bill

By Our Legal Affairs Correspondent

Mr Patrick Mayhew, Minister of State at the Home Office, indicated yesterday that he expects the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill to be accepted by the House of Lords after the Government's concessions last week on confidential records.

He said on London Weekend Television's *Weekend World* programme that the Lords would rightly examine the Bill very carefully. "But the principal anxiety has been over confidential documents and that has been put to rest through the amendments we have made."

He did not envisage further government amendments, other than those promised during the committee stage of the Bill. But he reaffirmed the Government's commitment in principle to tape recording of police interviews, and to an independent prosecution system.

If present experiments on tape recording of interviews proved successful he expected tape recording nationally within three years and certainly during the lifetime of the next Parliament.

Mr Mayhew is to meet representatives of the media today to discuss amendments he intends to make to meet their concern over police searches of journalists' notes allowed under the Bill.

• The National Council for Civil Liberties voted yesterday to continue its campaign against the Bill.

Members at the council's annual meeting in London unanimously condemned some sections of the Bill, which they claim "radically extend police powers and fail to provide adequate safeguards for suspects".

The council wants an independent police complaints system and the implementation of recommendations by the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure to issue warrants for telephone tapping.

## Further delay for Roach inquest

By Nicholas Timmins

The inquest on Colin Roach, the black man aged 21 who died of shotgun wounds in the entrance to Stoke Newington police station in January, is to be adjourned for another week, until April 25, the coroner, Dr Douglas Chambers, said yesterday.

The further adjournment comes after attempts by the Greater London Council to have the inquest, scheduled to open today moved to Hackney Town Hall, a larger venue than St Pancras Coroner's Court, which seats about forty people.

Mr Gareth Peirce, the Roach family's solicitor, said yesterday that the family would oppose the further adjournment at the hearing today, when the decision will be formally announced. The GLC has asked Dr Chambers to move the inquest, a request he has already refused once, and has said that if he does not do so the GLC's legal and general committee will be asked tomorrow to initiate legal action to have it moved.

After taking counsel's opi-

nion the GLC believes it has powers under the London Government Act to provide proper accommodation for the inquest. Mr Harvey Hines, chairman of the legal committee, said: "It is a matter of public importance that this inquest should be held in a venue large enough to accommodate the friends and family of the late Mr Roach, and the press. It should also be near the location where he died."

In a statement yesterday Dr Chambers said the legal complications made it impossible to proceed today. Mr Peirce said the family wanted the hearing at a larger venue, but did not see that as being incompatible with the inquest going ahead.

They were emotionally geared for the inquest to take place today, and there were difficulties over their representation by counsel if the inquest was adjourned for a week.

Since Mr Roach's death there have been five demonstrations in Hackney and Stoke Newington, with widespread demands

for an independent public inquiry into his death over and above the inquest, and into policing in Hackney generally.

Eighty-four people have been arrested on the demonstrations, including Mr Roach's father, Mr James Roach, and there have been protests from local black groups at the police insisting on bail conditions for those arrested, preventing them from taking part in further demonstrations.

In one case, when Mr Denis Twomey, Tower Hamlets councillor and friend of the Roach family, was arrested and refused to accept the bail conditions, a judge in chambers granted him unconditional bail.

A Hackney councillor, Mr Patrick Koidikara, has publicly accused the police of murdering Mr Roach, although he later said he had no evidence for that. Police say they are convinced that no other party was involved in Mr Roach's death, late on the night of January 12, in the entrance to the foyer at Stoke Newington.

## Towards a cashless society

By Peter Wilson-Smith

Big savings would accrue to retailers from an electronic point-of-sale payments system, according to a confidential internal study produced by the big clearing banks.

The proposed system, a big step towards the cashless

society, would allow customers to pay for goods in shops with a plastic debit card; the card would be run through a computer terminal connected to their bank and money would be debited directly from their account.

Details of the study, disclosed in the latest issue of *Retail Banker International*, show that transactions using point of sale would cost retailers a third less than cheques.

The study group has pro-

posed that retailers should bear the cost of installing the computer terminals at a cost of up to £800 a time. It has also suggested that the banks could charge retailers a percentage of the cost of each transaction above a limit of, say, £50.

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## 'Local knowledge' clue to girl's killer

From Our Correspondent, Cambridge

Det Chief Supt Raymond Moyes, who is in charge of the investigation into the murder of Gillian Atkins, aged 14, of Deeping St James, Lincolnshire, said that he thinks she died where the body was found, in a garden backing on to a lane.

The girl, of Browndale Drive, who was a keen rider and kept two ponies, disappeared on Thursday night after she went out to buy a packet of crisps.

She was last seen by school friends alone in the centre of the straggling village at 9 pm. Her body was found 20 hours later by a neighbour who walked into his rear garden, which runs down to the narrow and overgrown church walk much used by local courting couples. It lay spreadeagled on the lawn, still in her jeans and dark jacket.

Police said that she had died from haemorrhage and shock, caused by severe head injuries. Yesterday as nearly 200 police continued their house to house inquiries in the Deeping village, just north of Peterborough, Mr Moyes said: "I believe the murder was committed where the body was found. But I do not believe that this quiet, pony-loving girl would have gone down that



Gillian Atkins: "A quiet, pony-loving girl".

## Babysitter and child found safe

A boy aged two and his teenage babysitter, who disappeared from Birmingham on Saturday, were found safe a hundred miles away yesterday.

They were found at a funfair in Rhyl, Clwyd, and were taken to a police station while the boy's parents travelled from Birmingham to collect him.

The girl, aged 16, had apparently fled when the boy accidentally started a fire.

## Two accused

A man aged 29 from Avonmouth, and a woman aged 56 from Somerset are to appear today before magistrates at Long Ashton, near Bristol charged with the murder of Mrs Shirley Rendell, a solicitor's wife, who was found battered and stabbed in her home in the village of Yatton, near Bristol, eight weeks ago.

## Rapist caught

James Godfrid, who was serving a 14-year sentence for rape, assault and kidnapping when he escaped from the Brook Hospital, Woolwich, south London, two weeks ago, was recaptured in Mitcham, south London, on Saturday.

## Murder charge

Two men are to appear in court in Bristol today charged with murdering Mr Raymond Arthur Vincent, aged 41, whose body was found in the boot of an abandoned car in Painswick, Gloucestershire, on Thursday.

## £100,000 raid

Armed raiders yesterday locked Mr Shimsham Cohen, a jeweller, in the lavatory at Asco Ltd, in Hatton Garden, London, and escaped with gold chains and rings worth £100,000.

## Crash victims

Two men killed when a light aircraft crashed near Markyate, Hertfordshire, on Saturday were named yesterday as Mr Brian Moyes, aged 50, the pilot, of Upminster, and Mr Peter Bennett, aged 34, of Waltham Abbey, both in Essex.

## Petrol fiddles 'costing firms millions'

British firms are being taken for a ride because of expense account "fiddles" by employees with company cars, Mr Charles Nicholay, chairman of Petro-cheque, claimed today. The firm, in conjunction with Barclays Bank, developed a scheme in 1981 to beat the fiddlers.

About a fifth of the petrol bills being paid by firms for their company car fleets are the result of those fiddles, he said.

The most common way is for company car drivers to fill up with petrol, and have "little extras" added to their bills before paying.

"These can be cigarettes, drinks, sweets and magazines, but they also include drivers who buy items like rubber dinghies, presents for their children and indeed anything on sale on garage forecourts."

Mr Nicholay said the companies he was dealing with had made savings of between 12 and 12 per cent of their petrol bills by a tighter watch on costs.

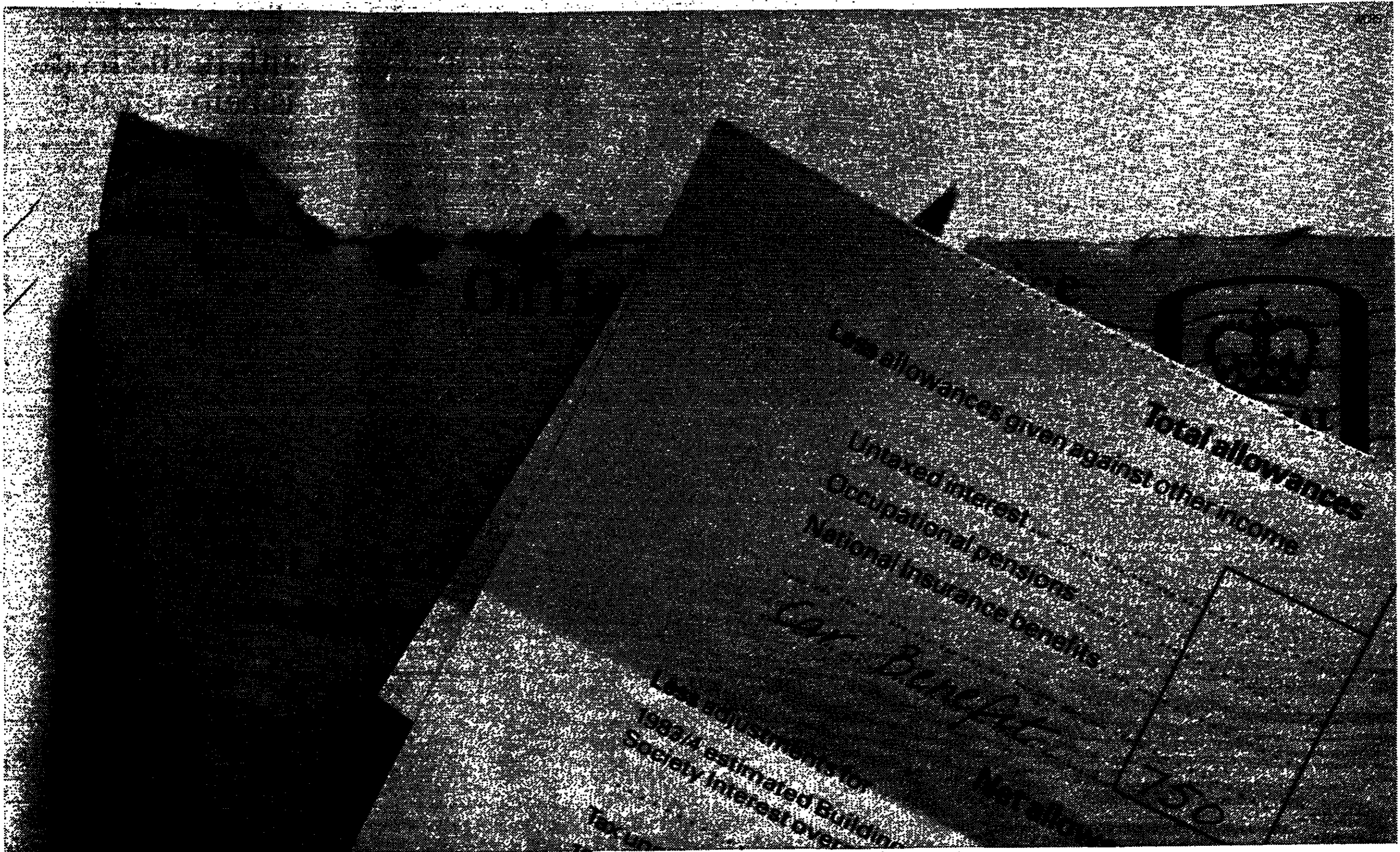
"We are talking about a company fleet fuel market which is worth £6m to £7m a day. If the extras are costing firms 20 per cent of this, the total is vast."

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# Gibraltar unions pin dock hopes on Heseltine letter

From Richard Wigg, Gibraltar

Mr Michael Heseltine, the Defence Secretary, has written to Gibraltar's trade unions, telling them the Government intends to go ahead and close the naval dockyard repair facilities by the end of the year.

Last week, the unions blocked visiting British warships in protest against the closure. Mr Joe Bossano, the Gibraltar trade union leader, denied yesterday that Mr Heseltine's letter, which he received last week, had been "totally negative". He said: "He has taken the trouble to write us a two-year explanation, giving the reasoning behind the closure and the difficulty of reversing the decision. I think the letter keeps a dialogue open."

The unions had proposed that the Navy should keep open the yards, while taking on commercial work. At the end of this month British shipbuilding consultants are due to publish their feasibility study for a commercial future for the yards. Mr Bossano's unions have threatened more industrial action from May 1.

Under Ministry of Defence plans the closure will save £10m a year, but mean the loss of about 1,500 jobs. Mr Bossano said this represented one tenth of Gibraltar's work force and a quarter of all the civilians employed on the Rock by the Defence Ministry.

He said that those still employed by the Army, Navy

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Struggle in the slums: A Rio family whose hope may now be turning to disillusion.

# Economic crisis grows Faith in the future is being eroded

In the first of two articles, PATRICK KNIGHT, our São Paulo Correspondent, analyses the economic background to the recent riots, the worst for several years in Brazil.

As São Paulo returns to normality after the recent riots the Government has announced that food prices rose by 12 per cent in March, a month when inflation topped a record 10 per cent.

Brazilians are used to inflation, and those in work are largely protected by indexation. But indexation is no help if you are one of the two to three million out of work here. The looting of hundreds of shops and the invasion of the grounds of the governor's palace came after a meeting called by a movement against unemployment got out of control.

Brazil is often referred to as the country of the future, both by visitors, and Brazilians themselves; everybody agrees that one day Brazil will be a power commensurate with its size, as the world's fifth largest country. To the migrant recently arrived from the interior, squatting in a miserable shack alongside a river, which often floods, or crowded ten to a room in a city centre slum, earning a minimum wage of less than £50 a month, what gave hope and perseverance was the belief, held until recently with pretty good reason, that life would gradually get better, and that even if he himself might not benefit much his children certainly would.

A series of favourable circumstances led the Brazilian economy to grow very fast in the late sixties and seventies, and many millions were able to leave the countryside for the cities, most of which have at least doubled in size in the past decade, and earn a wage for the first time.

For much of the working class, the good times of the past few years have always been recognized as the exception, not the rule.

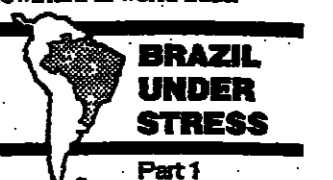
Multi-family units often have several wage earners, and even now it is rare for all to have lost their jobs.

What makes the current crisis so different from those before is that it is affecting the now sizable middle class, which, if not more vulnerable to hardship, is certainly much more vocal about it. Since the November general elections, television and the press have talked about little else but the economic crisis, and that psychologically so important faith in the future is being seriously eroded for the first time.

Brazil's rapid economic growth was largely achieved at the price of massively increasing the foreign debt. The first signs of strain appeared about three years ago, when trade slipped badly into the red, mainly as a result of the second big oil price rise.

Brazil devalued sharply in 1979, as it also did about a month ago. But trade did not move back into balance and the debt continued to snowball.

The past three years have seen more of less continuous attempts to get trade into balance, by following recessionary policies, but efforts have been frustrated by the general downturn in world trade.



BRAZIL UNDER STRESS Part 1

The situation reached crisis point at the end of last year, when, with elections over, the full extent of the country's financial vulnerability was revealed. The country had to go cap in hand, to the international banking community and the IMF who agreed that even harsher measures would be needed to get the economy back on course.

To oblige, the state sector has started to lay off thousands of workers, as many of the massive projects designed to make Brazil a superpower are slowed down or abandoned.

Most workers, who have lost their jobs, have exhausted their redundancy money and there is no unemployment pay, or social security to turn to. Because of the massive publicity given to the crisis, everybody knows that things will get worse before they get better.

Many fear, however, that the economy will stagnate for at least two more years, even if demand from the rest of the world picks up.

Brazilians have often been admired for their stoicism in times of hardship, but the population is no longer predominantly rural and inclined to accept affairs without complaining.

Two thirds now live in cities, and as last week's violent incidents show, they are increasingly inclined to blame their political masters, and their economic policies, and have become far less patient, particularly after changes of political party control of most large cities gave rise to hopes of fundamental change, which internal and external constraints do not permit.

Next: Pressure politics

## Hijacker faces 10 years' jail

From Mario Modiano, Athens

Mahmut Kalkan, the Turkish student who hijacked a Turkish domestic airliner to Athens airport but was overpowered by Greek commandos, was charged yesterday with obstructing an airliner (which carries a minimum 10-year sentence), illegal detention, and illegal possession of arms.

The student, aged 22, said he suffered from epilepsy and wanted to go to Australia to flee from the dictatorial regime at home. He surrendered his arms to his captors - a pen knife and a plastic container with window putty which he had claimed was an explosive. All 114 on board the aircraft were unharmed.

A Greek Government spokesman made it clear that the hijacker had committed crimes in Greece and would therefore be tried by Greek courts. The Turkish Government had thanked Greece for the manner in which the affair had been handled, but had not so far asked for his extradition.



Mr Ulu: Irritating statement

A Turkish extradition request might add another point of friction in Greek-Turkish relations at a time of increasing strain between them. A meeting of the foreign ministers of Greece and Turkey is due in Strasbourg next week. The Greek Government has made the foreign ministers' meeting conditional on both countries refraining from provocative actions or statements for a reasonable period of time. It was, therefore, irritated by a statement by Mr Bulend Ulu, the Turkish Prime Minister, blaming Greece for the deterioration in relations, as well as for engaging in hostile propaganda against Turkey, and associating with "circles hostile to Turkey", clearly meaning Armenian terrorists.

## Newspapers curbed in Athens

From Our Own Correspondent, Athens

The Greek Government has entered the spirited circulation war among Athens newspapers by forcing an afternoon tabloid to raise its price, limiting the size of all newspapers and banning newspaper advertising on state radio and television.

A Press Ministry order at the weekend said that failure to observe the new rules would lead to proprietors losing the right to import duty free newsprint, or even being prevented from circulating their publications through news agencies. "If necessary", it said ominously, "heavier penalties will be legislated".

The official reason for the restrictions is to safeguard the plurality of press opinion and to avert the tendency to monopolies.

Several national newspapers have been taken over recently by big business interests, but it is difficult to see these as any danger to the "plurality of opinion" in a city with 14 dailies and nine Sunday newspapers.

The Government's action followed the publication last week of *Eleftheros Typos* (Free Press), an afternoon tabloid which claimed 100,000 circulation from the first day it went on sale for a trial week at 10 drachmas (8p). Most other dailies sell at 20 drachmas and a few at 30 drachmas.

The Government promptly set a minimum price for national newspapers: 10 drachmas for dailies with up to 10 pages (or their tabloid equivalents), 20 drachmas for more pages. This forced *Eleftheros Typos* to put up its price on Saturday to 20 drachmas.

Explaining the move, Mr Dimitris Maroudas, Minister in charge of press matters, said: "It is the declared intention of the Government to safeguard the polyphony of the press and the dissemination of ideas, against monopolistic and competitive tendencies, as well as to protect economically weaker newspapers from illicit competition."

Newspapers are now limited to 90 pages per week, allowing for 14-page and 16-page newspapers on alternate days.

In its Sunday edition yesterday *Eleftheros Typos* deplored the Government's giving in to pressure by "big interests" and decreasing measures which, it said, were "unconstitutional, an insult to press freedom, and which stifle the elementary right of competition and emulation".

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Triumphant tour ends but republican spirit lives on

The Princess who won the heart of Australia

From Tony Duboulin, Melbourne

The month-long tour of Australia by the Prince and Princess of Wales, which ended yesterday when the royal couple flew to New Zealand, was an unqualified success, due in large part to the Princess. She won the heart of Australia.

Feelings of the average Australian were summed up by the cartoonist Wags on Friday in the Melbourne Herald, the country's largest circulation evening newspaper, with a cartoon showing an outline map of Australia with a heart superimposed over it and words "Princess Diana" in the centre. The caption read: "A permanent imprint!"

While the tour was enormously successful in terms of the main size of the crowds which turned out to see the royal couple, mainly the Princess, it is unlikely to have changed most Australians' attitudes to links with the Crown.

Most people admire and respect the Royal Family; but there is an underlying feeling that eventually Australia will become a republic, the only thing is doubt being when.

It would be wrong to interpret the enthusiasm and warmth of the greeting given to the Prince and Princess - and it was considerable - as marking a turnaround in basic attitudes. What it does indicate is that Australians have a good spectacle - and the royal tour was without doubt a first class show.

Most Australians look on

the Prince and Princess as an extremely nice, wholesome couple, particularly since they brought Prince William with them. Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, probably best summed up the attitude with his description of Prince Charles as "a nice enough bloke".

With a Labour Government in power, the royal couple's reception in Canberra, while cordial and relaxed, lacked the more enthusiastic feel that it would have had under Mr Malcolm Fraser.

Mr Fraser is believed to have been the force behind the move to have Prince Charles made Governor General. That idea now buried, and had no chance of being resurrected under a Labour Government.

Already, Labour has moved in several areas to reduce Australia's ties with Britain by the abolition of the imperial honours system, the scrapping of appeals from Australia's courts to the Privy Council, and the abolition of the power of veto which London had over the appointment of state governors.

The Labour Party has always had, a significant republican wing as a result of its strong association with the Roman Catholic Irish section of the population. Also, there are many Australians who no longer have family links with the British Isles. Talk of links with the Crown to an Italian or a Greek, is meaningless. Melbourne, for example, has



Prince William arriving in New Zealand and Prince Edward water skiing in Australia yesterday.



the third largest Greek-speaking population of any city. It did not escape notice of the republicans that on Friday the Prince and Princess visited Ballarat, 70 miles north-west of Melbourne, and spent some time at Sovereign Hill, a recreation centre for Ballarat

during the gold mining boom of the 1850s, and 1860s. Ballarat is also where Australian republicanism had its beginnings at the Eureka Stockade uprising in 1854, when disgruntled goldminers took up arms against the colonial administration.

The uprising was put down by police and troops sent from Melbourne with the loss of 30 lives. The royal couple's itinerary did not include a visit to the Eureka Stockade memorial.

The Eureka flag, a silver cross on a blue background with the stars of the Southern Cross studded along the arms of the cross, is still the flag of the republicans. On a number of occasions during the tour, the Royal couple had the flag waved under their noses

China shells border posts and issues warning to Vietnam

Peking (Reuter) - Chinese artillery pounded Vietnamese ground fortifications yesterday as border clashes intensified, the New China news agency said.

Chinese troops returned the fire of Vietnamese frontier guards and the shelling, which began yesterday morning, was still going on.

The artillery barrage left the Vietnamese strongpoints "in a mess", the agency said in a report from a forward command post in an unspecified part of Yunnan province.

On Saturday the agency said Chinese troops had fired back at Vietnamese soldiers in neighbouring Kwangsi province and that Vietnamese earth defence works had been destroyed. Neither report gave any indication of casualties.

Yesterday's report said Chinese troops were forced to return fire after frequent Vietnamese border attacks in the past four weeks in which an unspecified number of peasants working in the fields had been killed.

"Vietnamese special agents sneaked into Chinese border areas to set fire to the mountains", the agency said and accused the enemy of setting fire to more than 1,500 acres of jungle, bamboo groves and rubber plantations. Enemy agents also destroyed houses and telecommunication links.

"People's Daily" warning: China said yesterday that Vietnam was provoking armed

clashes on their common border because of China's support for Thailand and its demand for withdrawal of Vietnamese forces from Cambodia, David Bonavia writes.

A front-page leading article in the People's Daily, entitled "A Warning to the Vietnamese Authorities", recalled earlier allegations that Vietnamese troops on China's southern border had killed and injured civilians and border guards. Chinese forces, it said, had opened fire in response.

"The Vietnamese authorities must immediately halt these provocations and invasions", it said.

The tone of the warning was similar to that of statements made before the invasion of Vietnam by the Chinese Army in 1979. However, it is thought unlikely that China will undertake military action on such a large scale unless the alleged provocations are greatly increased.

BANGKOK: Khmer Rouge guerrillas have begun an attempt to retake from Vietnamese troops an important stronghold in the Thai-Cambodian border, AFP reports.

Their field officers said guerrilla units who lost their Phnom Chat hill stronghold straddling the border early this month began staging hit-and-run attacks against Vietnam's heavily-armed infantrymen on Saturday after a week-long calm.

Britain faces lone farm prices battle

From Ian Murray, Brussels

Mr Peter Walker, the Agriculture Minister, is certain to be isolated in Luxembourg today when he tries to stop his fellow EEC ministers from pushing up farm prices by more than the 4.5 per cent increase proposed by the European Commission.

He will be arguing that there should be no increase at all this year for products that are in substantial surplus, particularly those in the dairy sector, cereals, sugar and wine. He will also want to see prices for a range of other products cut back below the levels being proposed by the Commission.

He will be able to quote the latest provisional figures from the Commission to help his case. These show that in the first two months of this year milk production in the EEC was 8 per cent to 9 per cent up on last year. This means that there is an extra 22 per cent of butter over the same period, and a staggering extra 32 per cent of skimmed milk powder.

He will argue that only by holding back prices would it be possible to rein in this runaway increase, which is now using up nearly a quarter of all the Community's available money. He will emphasize that the surplus is not only depressing world markets but also putting a growing strain on relations with the United States.

The current Commission proposals for the 1983-84 price package would add around

£200m to the Community budget this year and a further £385m next year. These increases will help to nudge total Community spending very close to its legal limits.

This year, following the realignment of currencies in the European Monetary System, there is a wider range than ever in the green currency rates, which adjust agricultural payments to take account of exchange rate fluctuations.

This means that only farmers in Britain and Denmark would have increases in line with the final settlement. West German farmers would receive only about 1 per cent increases, while Greek farmers could expect a rise of nearly 17 per cent. Other countries are spaced out between these two extremes.

This imbalance means that a large part of the negotiations over the next three days will be spent in trying to agree new green currency rates to iron out the differences. Some countries, led by France, will be arguing that because the rate of sterling is so low, it is depressing the whole level of farm prices. They will therefore try to have the green pound taken out of the calculations in order to bring up price levels.

Although the session this week is meant to be the one at which the prices are fixed, there is little real urgency yet on the part of most countries.

Calvi's last companion is accused

From John Earle, Rome

Flavio Carboni, a Sardinian businessman who was with the late Roberto Calvi, head of Banco Ambrosiano, during the last days of his life in London in June, has been accused of complicity in the attempted murder of the bank's vice-chairman a year ago.

The vice-chairman, Signor Roberto Rosone, who was then Signor Calvi's deputy, was shot in the leg as he left his Milan home for the bank on April 27. A security guard shot dead the attacker a well known figure in the Rome underworld.

Three Romans with criminal records have also been accused in connexion with the murder attempt. The public prosecutor has given no details, but Signor Carboni's lawyer, described the charge against his client as one "of moral complicity".

Signor Carboni helped to organize Signor Calvi's flight from Italy just before the country's biggest private banking empire collapsed.

After Signor Calvi's death - the cause has yet to be ascertained since the original London coroner's verdict of suicide was quashed - Signor Carboni flew to Edinburgh allegedly with help from some British free masons. From there he took a private aircraft to Switzerland.

Seveso's top men on trial today

Monza (Reuter) - Five senior company officials go on trial here today facing charges connected with the 1976 explosion at a chemical plant in Seveso which caused Italy's worst pollution disaster.

The former chairman of the Icmesa plant, Guy Waldvogel, and its managing director, Herwig von Zwehl, will be among those facing charges of responsibility for a disaster, the provision of inadequate safety measures, and causing physical injury.

The trial opens amid controversy over where highly toxic dioxin from the explosion has been dumped. The explosion polluted an area of 4,500 acres, killing animals, destroying plants and provoking an outbreak of the severe skin rash chloracne.

This is certain to give the proceedings added edge in an area where the July 1976 disaster at the plant, owned by the Swiss company Givaudan, still stirs bitter emotions.

The trial opens with workmen at Seveso still busy dismantling the plant.

According to Signor Luigi Noe, the special commissioner leading a group of 60 officials working on the rehabilitation of Seveso, clean-up work should be finished next year.

Storms swamp Delhi

Delhi (AFP) - Residents were busy yesterday repairing houses and salvaging cars as the Indian capital limped back to normal after two days of unprecedented rains.

At least two people were killed in a house collapse and more than a dozen injured in the downpour, described as the heaviest in living memory, which ended in a huge hailstorm on Saturday night. Firemen saved the lives of about a dozen children trapped

inside a tent. But there were also freak victims - 30 washermen's donkeys which were swept away in an open sewer. Seven were later found dead.

More than 500 cars were stuck in soft mud and pits.

ISLAMABAD: Torrential rain in central and northern Pakistan since the beginning of April has destroyed nearly a third of the wheat crop, agricultural experts said here. AFP reports.

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SPECTRUM

The Beatles never played there but the Stones, Jimi Hendrix and The Who did. The Marquee Club, from where British rock music sailed to conquer the world, is 25 years old this month

Playing the ace of clubs

By Richard Williams

They say of the empty Billingsgate fish market that when the cold-store permafrost finally melts, then the old building will crash down. In effect, its life and its function provided the cement without which it will not stand.

The same might be said of other kinds of premises: those whose bricks and mortar are no more than a package for the activities they contain and for the history which seeps into their fabric.

Yet, as with Billingsgate, it is easy to imagine the Marquee falling if someone should decide to abandon it, to cancel all its functions, and to submit it to a process of dehydration.

This month, the Marquee Club celebrates its silver jubilee. Not, it is true, in the premises at which it first opened in April, 1958 - like Ronnie Scott's, it made a single move on the Monopoly board of Soho's clubland early in its life - but the idea of the Marquee is so central to popular music in Britain and beyond that the anniversary is worth the candles.

Notwithstanding rival claims, it was the cradle of a generation which began its vocation in parish halls with hire-purchase equipment and finished up in the mansions of Beverly Hills, Malibu and Weybridge, renting executive jets and fleets of trucks for assaults on the Houston Astrodome.

Among those who found a home and encouragement there were, notably, the embryonic Rolling Stones, The Who, David Bowie, Led Zeppelin, Pink Floyd and Cream: names which went on to make, in the late 1960s and early 1970s, a sizeable contribution in terms of dollars, yen, marks and francs to Britain's balance of payments, and which made Britain the centre of the world's popular music.



Marquee pop-pourri: top, The Who in their mid-60s prime; centre (left) Adam Ant, (right) Jimi Hendrix; bottom, Chris Barber, co-founder and director, and the embryonic Rolling Stones in 1963

name of their new club suggested itself, since the place was already decorated with a motif of marquees over the bandstand. To begin with, the club was open only on Wednesdays, and featured only Barber's band; soon an evening of modern jazz was inaugurated on Saturdays.

In 1960, without anyone realizing it, the events began which were to secure the Marquee's reputation. In Barber's band at that time were Alexis Korner, the guitarist, and Cyril Davies, the harmonica-player. Both were students of the then unfashionable American rhythm and blues music, and were featured each night in a special spot

with Barber's band, which otherwise performed the standard trad jazz repertoire. "After a while, Alexis wanted the band to play nothing but rhythm and blues", Barber remembers. "We couldn't do that, for musical reasons. It would have meant limiting the musicians we already had. Harold Pendleton and I decided to give Alexis the Marquee Club on Thursdays, so that he could play with his own band."

Korner's own band was called Blues Incorporated. It included Davies and the singer Long John Baldry, and a young drummer called Charlie Watts. Among their admirers, who came

along to the Marquee from school or college or the office and then dispersed back to the suburbs of London, were boys such as Mick Jagger, Brian Jones, Keith Richards and Bill Wyman. Jagger, who travelled in from Dartford, eventually became one of the band's singers; although when the BBC invited Blues Incorporated to make a radio broadcast, the corporation would pay for only six musicians and Jagger volunteered for demotion. That same night, while Korner and the band were at the BBC, Jagger, Richards and Jones assembled an ad hoc group to fulfil the Marquee engagement. They called themselves the Rolling Stones.

They recruited Wyman and Watts, who had to be persuaded to leave the advertising agency at which he worked during the day, and the Rolling Stones became regular performers at the Marquee, where it became evident that they were adding to rhythm and blues its missing ingredient: youthful sex appeal.

Hordes of young men discovered the potency of the formula, and for the remainder of the 1960s the Marquee was their headquarters. From Newcastle came the Animals; from Sheffield the Spencer Davis Group with its singing prodigy, Stevie Winwood; from Birmingham came the mohair-suited, Moody Blues; from Belfast came Them and the talented, taciturn Van Morrison. London provided Manfred Mann, the group named after its scholarly South African leader, and a young singer with a powerful voice and a taste for strikingly advanced menswear fashions called Rod Stewart.

Such activity made the Marquee the nodal point of the revolution in British pop. The Rolling Stones abandoned the club quite quickly, moving up to more capacious arenas, and the Beatles bypassed it entirely in their flight from Cavern to Royal Variety Performance, but it became recognized as quite the best place to see new week's stars. Then, in 1964, as the pitch became feverish, it moved.

The new premises, at 90 Wardour Street, had been a clothing warehouse. Like its predecessor, the new Marquee was a dry club. Coca Cola and Mars Bars were available over the counter, but little more. Nevertheless, it prospered; the eventual acquisition of a drinks licence was not the secret of its success, although it did help to keep the customers inside the club.

The mid-1960s was a halcyon time, the attendance record raised to a new level practically every weekend. It was finally left at a figure of 1,418 by the American singer and guitarist Jimi Hendrix in 1966. Jack Barrie, the club's present managing director, was on the door that night; he remembers with gleeful embarrassment how he gave pass-outs to everyone who wanted fresh air and kept letting new customers in to take their places. He also remembers the subsequent refusal, admonishment delivered by Harold Pendleton: "Don't you ever do that again," Pendleton said, as he counted enormous piles of ten-shilling notes into an unprecedented profit.

And so it rolled on, through Ten Years After, Jethro Tull, Genesis, the Nice, Free, Yes, Dire Straits, the Police, the Jam, Adam and the Ants and even today's heroes, Duran Duran. It became an institution which young musicians needed to conquer, a test of manhood. No band has ever earned its Rolls-Royces simply by playing there, but plenty have ensured their future.

Jack Barrie has a story he likes to tell. In the late Sixties, he says, a particular schoolboy was often to be found at the head of the queue awaiting admission. Eventually the staff got into the habit of letting him in early, for which he repaid them by arranging the chairs in front of the stage and sweeping the floor. "He told me he was preparing for his O-levels," Barrie says, "but that he really wanted to be a drummer in a group. I told him to get an education. Being a drummer in a rock group - where was that going to get him? He took no notice, of course."

Needless to say, the boy, whose name was Phil Collins, achieved his mansions and limousines once he had joined a group, Genesis, and paid his Marquee dues on the far side of the footlights. The Marquee does not make stars of everybody; it just seems that way sometimes.

Contradicting conventional thinking, which advocates mediation and counselling for domestic violence, a new US study recommends shock tactics. Rosemarie Wittman Lamb reports

Wife beaters to be arrested

A pioneering study of police tactics just completed in Minneapolis has concluded that the best way to prevent husbands from repeatedly beating their wives is simply to arrest the husband. This contradicts conventional police thinking - and practice - which in recent years has emphasized mediation, counselling and other forms of milder intervention in cases of domestic assault.



Lawrence Sherman, author of the report and (right) Anthony Bouza, Minneapolis Chief of Police.

Harvard University and Vice-Chairman of the Police Foundation, calls it "a very significant study", adding: "It is the first time ever that anyone has attempted to assess the deterrent effect of arrest in a truly experimental way. It provides a fairly sharp challenge to the view widely held in the 1960s and 1970s that the best way to resolve these cases was with mediation."

Peter H. Rossi, Professor of Sociology at the University of Massachusetts and a past president of the American Sociological Association, describes the findings as "the first piece of evidence that something can reduce the amount of violence in domestic assault cases".

The man behind the study is the Minneapolis Chief of Police, Anthony V. Bouza, former commander of the Bronx in New York City, and known for his innovative approach to police intervention.

Admitting that policemen had "psychological barriers" to overcome in arresting men who abused their wives, he says that, as a result of the report, "I am going to restructure the training and prepare an order which will make it difficult for offenders in domestic violence cases to avoid arrest."

Running commentaries

MOREOVER... Miles Kingston

I don't know what you were doing during the London Marathon yesterday, and I'm not sure I really want to know. I don't think anyone wants to know what I was doing either. Have you noticed that it's only the really famous people who get asked what they were doing, or what their favourite room looks like, or how they spent My Day?

Quite right, too. The price people have to pay for being famous is being pestered by journalists with idiotic questions, and the more the better. So yesterday I made a lot of people sorry for being famous by asking them what they were doing during the greatest race in history.

Sir Richard Attenborough: "I was standing near the start of the race, and I can honestly say it was like being in India all over again when I saw these 16,000 chaps in white dress suddenly coming towards me. It was very moving, very awe-inspiring and very humbling-making. At least, it was till I noticed that a chap in the front was wearing a digimatic watch, which of course is totally anachronistic; they weren't invented in Gandhi's lifetime. So I stepped forward shouting: 'Cut! Cut! Let's go back for take two!' But they took no notice and swept over me, and that's the last I remember."

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In tomorrow's SPECTRUM: Churchill's wartime plan for the union of Ireland

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THE TIMES DIARY

Wicked but nice

When Michael Winner's remake of The Wicked Lady is premiered on Thursday, Margaret Lockwood, the star of the original film...

Unhappy ending

Sir Harold Hobson, the doyen of theatre critics, reveals in the new issue of Drama magazine an unhappy incident which, he says, "made me think over again the method by which I have been judging plays over the last 40 years..."

London Transport confusing the cause with the effect? A chalked notice outside Stockwell underground last week announced: "We apologize for delays to trains on the Victoria Line. This was due to smouldering on the track..."

Battle lines

When David Waite, the newly appointed head of the Birmingham Television Network Centre at Birmingham, takes up his post...

Bailing out

I have another cricket record unlikely to be bettered (or rather worsened) in the Guinness Book of Club Cricket Records which John Fogg is preparing. It is that set by Pat Auld, as opener for Beccanham in a needle match against Blackheath just after the war...

Dig this

British technology broke new ground in the US last week, proving that you do not have to stir from your chair to turn the first sod these days. Thomas Kean, governor of New Jersey, ceremonially started work on a 24m laboratory using a remote-controlled industrial robot from the control of his office 20 miles away...

Standard work

In view of the lack of imagination shown by the European Parliament in the choice of a flag for Europe (they opted for the old Council of Europe flag, a dull blue with 12 gold stars on a duster field) I am inviting my readers to enter the competition which many MEPs, including British Conservatives, had suggested should be organized...

Following the news that garden gnomes are to march in protest at their exclusion from the Chelsea Flower Show, and to picket the event, a Farnborough civil servant reports that his gnome has gone AWOL. The little chap sat in the front garden, and came with a note inside the front door and outside no gnome. The note read: "After years of devoted but unwearied service to you and your predecessor I think I deserve a break..."

PHS



April 1943: German troops patrol the blazing Warsaw ghetto as they put down the uprising

Warsaw: new wounds for old

Roger Boyes reports on the strains brought to the surface as Polish Jews mark the 40th anniversary of their rising against the Nazis

At night, when the air was punctuated by shots and screams, Janusz Korczak, the Polish Jewish teacher and writer, would take a pen and a bottle of vodka and record the horror-normality of the Warsaw ghetto. "There are problems", he wrote, "that lie like bloodstained rags right across the pavement. People cross to the other side of the street or avert their eyes. I do the same."

In the back rooms of the ghetto, the Jewish Fighting League discussed how to obtain enough guns to stage an uprising. Some were smuggled in by non-conformist partisans disguised as firemen; some were delivered by couriers crawling through the sewers...

The Jewish resistance had to act swiftly as early as 1941, the daily ghetto ration was 184 calories a person and almost 50,000 died of starvation. By 1942, hundreds of thousands of the Jews in the ghetto had been transported to Treblinka and other camps, crippling the resistance.

Forty years ago tomorrow, just before a new round of SS deportations, the ghetto exploded and for almost three weeks the Jews fought the German troops, mining entrances, hurling home-made hand grenades and firing the few weapons they had...

Today the area of the ghetto is covered by high-rise blocks and modern empty-shelved supermarkets and there are few physical signs of the former community. Korczak, who died in Treblinka with the children of his orphanage, listed five qualities of the ghetto: "1. A prison. 2. A plague-stricken area. 3. A

mating ground. 4. A lunatic asylum. 5. A casino. Monaco-style - the stake, your head."

Now, as Jewish delegations from Israel, Britain and elsewhere come to Warsaw for the anniversary, we can give the ghetto a sixth attribute: it is a symbol of the acute sensitivity of relations between Polish Jews and gentiles.

If ever there was an anniversary that should have been celebrated with calm and collected memories, this was it. But it was not to be. A row has flared over the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization in the diplomatic ceremonies...

These are more than gestures: it is evident that General Jaruzelski was never happy about the excesses of 1967-68, when the then leader Wladyslaw Gomulka denounced the presence of a "Zionist fifth column" in Polish society.

Dr Edelman, who was dismissed from his hospital in 1968 but who now works as a heart specialist in Lodz, says it is futile to talk in a serious way about antisemitism in Poland. "When the problem surfaces it is for political reasons. Sometimes they say Jews are good, sometimes Jews are bad - and then they try to impose this difference on us as if it had some kind of objective meaning. But this happens not only in Poland, it has been happening since the beginning of civilization."

Dr Edelman's refusal to take part in the celebrations has more to do with his disapproval of government policies. He fought, he declared in a recent interview, against the use of terror during the ghetto uprising. "The point is that authorities who have absolute power and who want to maintain this power have to resort to terror despite the wishes of society. Such methods usually begin with minor things such as the withdrawal of privileges, then people get sent to prison, then to camps and ultimately people get killed."

He was not accusing the Polish government of being totalitarian; but his gesture had to be made now. This apocalyptic vision is of course, not shared by the government, whose officials argue that they are trying to gain the support of society, even if they do not have it at present. Dr Edelman's arguments are those of Solidarity sympathizers who argue that a government, however well intentioned, that acts in the name of the people but against its wishes eventually has to resort to direct enforcement and that such methods destroy the credibility of its policies.



Vox populist: the rise of the radical right

In Britain, as in other countries of western Europe, the political alignments of the post-war era are rapidly disappearing. Conservatives now seek not preservation of the status quo but radical change, while Social Democrats and Liberals proclaim the need to restore a lost consensus - a better yesterday, in Ralf Dahrendorf's unkind phrase.

Mrs Thatcher hopes to be able to secure a thorough transformation of society with the aid of Conservative votes, while the Alliance courts radical opinion in aid of essentially restorative ends. Meanwhile socialists, half-conscious that history has passed them by, exceed Alice herself in their ability to believe impossible things.

This transformation of ideologies is characteristic not just of Britain but of politics in the West as a whole. The main beneficiary of the transformation has been the populist right, an animal as different from traditional conservatism as it is from its ideological competitors.

In the immediate post-war years, conservatives - Eisenhower, Macmillan, Adenauer - were sceptical, managerial and internationalist. The contemporary right, however, is not very conservative. It seeks not to preserve a consensus but to transform it. The dictates of national self-interest should prevail over international cooperation, and institutions whose purpose it is to promote such cooperation, such as the EEC and the United Nations, are looked on with disfavour if not outright hostility.

The policy of detente, pioneered by a previous generation of conservatives - Nixon, Kissinger, Heath and Pompidou - is seen as mere appeasement, although the only alternative which President Reagan has so far produced has been the belief that the world would be a safer place if the Soviet Union were to go away: true, no doubt, but not a very illuminating guide to practical action.

Populists ascendant: Thatcher, Strauss, Reagan, Begin

In domestic affairs, the radical right differentiates itself sharply from the managerial conservatism of Nixon, Heath and Giscard d'Estaing. To confine government to the administration of the mixed economy and the welfare state would merely perpetuate the disease from which western economies suffer. The cure is to be found not in managing the economy but in a radical moral transformation.

Governments influence events by affecting popular attitudes; they reduce inflation not through the mechanisms of social engineering such as incomes policies but by restoring the moral values of an individualist society - self-discipline and responsibility. It is in this sense that Mrs Thatcher's celebrated appeal to the Victorian virtues is to be understood.

But above all, for Reagan, Mrs Thatcher and Begin alike, conservatism, if it is to remain a viable political philosophy, must base itself on religion: The moralism of the radical right is religious in origin, and imposes fundamentalist categories on the complexities of economics and foreign affairs.

In most western democracies, the radical right finds itself in competition with a model of government whose spiritual home lies in West Germany and Scandinavia, based on consensus and power-sharing and buttressed by proportional representation. It is between these two models of government - the Californian and the Scandinavian - that the fundamental choice for western electorates is increasingly likely to lie.

How paradoxical that it is the philosophy of social consensus which finds itself on the defensive, threatened by doctrines which have turned the economies of Britain and the United States into disaster areas. The popularity of the radical right is indeed a tribute to the power of human credulity, the triumph of hope over experience.

Vernon Bogdanor The author is a Fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford. His book, Multi-Party Politics and the Constitution, will be published by the Cambridge University Press next month.

The price some pay for the Tories Mr Dick in David Copperfield could not keep King Charles's head out of his thoughts. Whatever he wrote, whatever he said, in the end he always got round to this obsession. Every government has its King Charles's head. For the first three years of Sir Harold Wilson's 1964-70 administration it was the parity of the pound; under Mr Heath, the trade unions. The present government's King Charles's head is inflation. Such preoccupations, however important in themselves, can seriously distort both economic policy and its presentation; the drive to deal with one overriding problem may lead to disregard of other matters. What is more, if an administration fails or simply appears to fail on the principal issue to which it has particularly directed the electorate's attention, voters can hardly be blamed for judging that administration harshly, even if it is highly successful in other areas.

Gerald Kaufman

The price some pay for the Tories

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In the five months to the end of March 1983, the pound fell by 14.3 per cent against the dollar, yet hardly anyone turned a hair; the 14.3 per cent devaluation of the pound in November 1967 was regarded as a devastating defeat for the Wilson government.

It may well be argued that this government is in a far more favourable position. It chose the fight against inflation as the motor of its policies, and inflation is indeed falling, even if from time to time interrupted by a statistical hiccup.

The council tenant, who last year had to work six hours and 32 minutes to pay his weekly rent, against four hours 15 minutes in 1979, will greet Sir Geoffrey's Panglossian claims with a distinct sniff. So will the eater of beef, who had to work 4 per cent harder to buy his sirloin; and so especially will the car driver, who needed to work 28 per cent harder than under the last Labour government to pay for his petrol.

For the Chancellor, inflation is measured by the index of retail prices; currently, this is well down on the level he inherited. So in his opinion the problem is on its way to being cured. Voters look at the issue from a different standpoint. They see how the index of retail prices is measured; currently, this is well down on the level he inherited.

Trevor Fishlock

City of turbans and tensions

In the picture gallery of the Golden Temple here the children gaze at the horrors of their history. Paintings show Sikhs being stoned to death, beheaded, sawn in half and skewered. There are also photographs of recent corpses, accorded the status of martyrs, their fatal wounds highlighted with red paint.

The sense of being special, a proud minority which has fought for survival, is instilled in Sikhs. It is one of the roots of the growing tension and violence in Punjab, the Sikhs' homeland and India's most prosperous state.

The troubles here pose a difficult and dangerous problem for Mrs Indira Gandhi's government. Events can rapidly get out of hand, as was shown recently when more than 20 militants blocking a road were killed by police.

It is impossible to separate the religious from the political in Punjab. In the Golden Temple, the Sikhs' holiest place, twin flagpoles symbolize the link between faith and politics.

The precincts also house the religious hardliners' leader, Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, whose fanaticism is seen as a dangerous strand in the Punjab tangle.

History is a potent ingredient of the Punjab crisis. Sikh prayers end with the names of martyrs, and Sikhs know how their pacifist religion, founded in 1499, became a militant fraternity 200 years later as a defence against Moghul (Muslim) oppression.

In 1699 their leader baptized his followers (Sikh means disciple) with sugared water called amrit, hence

the name of their holy city, Amritsar. He also ordered them to adopt their distinctive appearance and accoutrements - the turban and hair uncut, to carry daggers, to bury caste identity by talking the surname Singh, meaning lion.

In part the present troubles arise from Sikh fears that their faith is being eroded, that the dividing line between Sikhism and Hinduism is growing weaker.

Many Sikhs have been cutting their hair and dropping out of the faith. The new fundamentalism espoused by Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale is a reaction to this, an assertion of the vital difference of the Sikhs.

They have been able to harness a number of grievances. Although Sikhs enjoy the economic fruits of their noted enterprise, they still feel Punjab does not get a fair deal from Delhi, that they should have more industry, that their large contribution to the Indian economy should be recognized.

It is clear that many moderate Sikhs, appalled as they are by the violence, feel that their community has not been well treated by the government. Although Mrs Gandhi has granted some of the Sikh demands there is a feeling that this was done too late.

There are two explosive elements in Punjab's crisis. One is the inseparability of politics and religion; emotions are easily aroused. The second is the relationship between the Sikhs and the Hindu community. There is a fear that Hindu tempers may grow dangerously short as the Sikhs press their demands.

Flodden Field lies off the A697 and not the A68, as stated in an article on April 9.

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THE ARTS

Poulenc himself predicted that Regine Crespin would one day play the First Prioress in his Les Carmelites, and tonight she makes her long-awaited return to Covent Garden in the part. Interview by John Higgins

An operatic dream that came true



It is almost twenty years since Regine Crespin last appeared in opera at Covent Garden. Tonight she returns as Mme de Croissy, the First Prioress, in Poulenc's Les Carmelites (sung in English), which has also been out of the Royal Opera House repertoire for twenty years.

The story is told in Mme Crespin's autobiography La Vie et l'Amour d'une femme (Arthème Fayard, Fr. Frs 75) a highly diverting and lively text which demonstrates clearly why she is just as good at singing Offenbach as Proust. Poulenc was looking for a soprano with a perfect pianissimo and Michel Glotz, the agent and impresario, recommended him to hear a young singer called Regine Crespin a Desdemona. He did, was impressed and immediately invited her home to dinner.

The roles in which Crespin established her reputation internationally were above all German: Elsa, Sieglinde, Elisabeth and almost certainly the most notable, the Marchsallin in Rosenkavalier. This has not been the path trodden by many French singers in the last half-century, so why did she choose it?

Other countries. So I went to Salzburg to Vienna and of course to Bayreuth and when I had a victory abroad I felt it was a double victory. But fortunately languages have never been a great problem: my grandfather was Italian and my husband was an expert on German literature.



"All a question of stamina": Regine Crespin today and (left) as the Second Prioress

half of a recital to Offenbach and it worked." So those catching Crespin on stage nowadays are likely to find her singing either the First Prioress - she repeats the role at the Opéra Comique - or the Grand-Duchess of Gerolstein, a combination which would doubtless have delighted both Poulenc and Offenbach. And those appearances are carefully rationed out. "I've been singing professionally for 32 years. Once I needed a break of one day between performances... then it was two... and now it's three. It's all a question of stamina. Zinka Milanov once said to me that it was the muscles you had to protect rather than the voice. And she was right."

Theatre Virtuoso triumph

Edmund Kean Lyric, Hammersmith If Oscar fever draws the crowds to Hammersmith, and to the West End theatre where this show must surely transfer, to see the Ben Kingsley of Gandhi play the tragic actor who ascended Regency London, then awards have their uses. They will discover, or rediscover (and Mr Kingsley has been away for too long), how superbly he commands a theatre, how he mesmerizes an audience and what versatility in vocal colour, mood and physical virtuosity he can give to a worthy role.

Advertisement for FINE MILD CIGARS FROM SULLIVAN POWELL. Since 1890, Sullivan Powell have been noted for exclusive quality. Now 'Private Stock' offers the very best cigar for the discerning smoker. Sullivan Powell 'Private Stock' Smooth, mild after-dinner cigars. The story takes a while to become clear, because the first change of period could initially be read as a change also of generations...

Television The perils of 'personality'

Terry Wogan is an ubiquitous television and radio performer whose amiability, not infrequently enlivened by wit - for he has a quality not common to "personalities" - is required to be spread over a massive workload. The frequency of his appearances suggests a willingness to meet this challenge but there are signs that ambition is putting a considerable strain on performance.

Dance Multiple images of character

Chopin ballets Royal, Glasgow Although Chopin's name springs readily to mind as a composer apt for ballet, that is largely on the strength of Les Sylphides, and when the Scottish Ballet decides to offer a new programme with their stylishly produced (although somewhat understated) Sylphides as its starting point, they find it necessary to have the other two ballets specially made. These turned out, presumably by chance, to have something more than their composer in common: both play with multiple images of the character, one dancer supplanting another in a role.

Concerts Liszt CO/Rolla LPO/Lopez-Cobos

Susanna St George's, Hanover Square The sixth London Handel Festival began on Saturday with Susanna, a long oratorio performed in what must be its longest version, the original of 1749. Civil strife and oppression give way after the opening chorus to domestic issues, with the faithfulness of Joacim's wife Susanna put to the test while he is away on business. Plenty of scope there, it would seem, for Handel's musical realization of inner conflict and emotional vicissitude. But Susanna is the sort of nice girl who is incapable of amusing herself in her husband's absence, and is tempted not one whit when the two lusty Elders appear. So, try as he may, the dramatic crux is a non-event: virtue triumphs untested, and the final trial scene is one of the dullest in history.

Opera Die Fledermaus Coliseum

Arthur English, the new comic jester in the last act, can be all too well believed when he plays confused about whether he is appearing in Die Fledermaus or Aladdin. This is the English National Opera in pantomime mood, and though such might not be the only possible spirit in which to play operetta, it makes for a jolly show. I would guess, too, that it boosts the company to be working together so cheerfully and smoothly as they are here.

Los Angeles visit off The proposed series of Brahms concerts at the Royal Festival Hall in May and June by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra and Carlo Maria Giulini has been cancelled because of the conductor's illness. He was due to direct the orchestra on a tour of Europe, but as a result of a respiratory complaint has been advised not to conduct again until the autumn: he is expected to open the Philharmonia's season on September 18.

Capitalization and week's change

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, April 11. Dealings End, April 22. Contango Day, April 25. Settlement Day, May 3.

Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

(Current market price multiplied by the number of shares in issue for the stock quoted)

Main stock exchange table with columns for Stock, Price, Change, Dividend, and Capitalization. Includes sections for BRITISH FUNDS, COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN, LOCAL AUTHORITIES, DOLLAR STOCKS, BANKS AND DISCOUNTS, BREWERIES AND DISTILLERIES, COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL, FINANCIAL TRUSTS, INSURANCE, INVESTMENT TRUSTS, and PROPERTY.

THE WEEK AHEAD by Jeremy Warner

Unknown factors in Woolworth figures

Woolworth Holdings, the high street store group in a new corporate form and under an all-British management, is going to be the focus of attention on the company news front this week.

At the halfway stage W H Smith said that both the company's main businesses, retail shops and wholesale news, increased profits. Analysts expect the company to have maintained this progress in the second half.

The bank's shares are the most highly-rated of the banking sector, enjoying regular bouts of takeover speculation despite the block put on bids by the Monopolies and Mergers Commission last year for its bigger rival north of the border, The Royal Bank of Scotland, and the management's fiercely independent stance.

But the high ratings also owe much to the Bank of Scotland's limited exposure to international business - ironically once thought of as the group's greatest weakness, but now a strength as bigger banks panic under the threat of international debt default.

Bad debt provisions are nevertheless expected to run out at about £25m and profits also will be affected by recession in Scotland in particular. The range of forecasts for pretax profits stretches from about £40m to £45m, against £47.2m last time.

Dunlop reports full year figures on Thursday amid forward speculation that Pegg, a Malaysian investment group which recently lifted its stake in Dunlop from 22 per cent to more than 26 per cent, is poised to launch a full bid. Pegg is part of the business empire of Mr Ghafar Baba a former politician, who recently paid Dunlop £58m for half its 51 per cent stake in Dunlop Industries Berhad.

At the half way stage Dunlop, the tyres and sports wear manufacturer, was in the red by about £4m at the pre-tax level. But full year results are expected to show a return to the black - albeit of no more than £10m. In 1981 the group broke even after making profits of £19m in the second half.

ECONOMIC VIEW

Further signs of recovery

Industry and markets were encouraged by last week's cut in base rates and by the evidence that industrial output in both Britain and America is rising.

The February increase could be as much as 1.5 per cent taking the index to 238.2 and equivalent to an annual rate of 8.6 per cent.

As industrial production gathers momentum during the year the pace of wage increases can be expected to pick up.

But the news on the inflation front will still be encouraging, and could help lift the March index, released on Friday, may indicate a month's increase of 0.4 per cent, the same as in February, to 327.3. This gives an annualized rate of 4.8 per cent.

Inflation figures lower than anticipated will also help sterling which has already shrugged off the base rate cut. The balance of payments figures, also out on Friday, could support sterling further.

After poor figures in the first two months, the March balance is likely to be soundly positive. The current balance may jump from just £42m in February to as much as £400m.

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'NatWest Network' multi-currency cash management service - which is now available to corporate treasurers through desk-top computer terminals anywhere in the world - we've made life easier for a number of companies. We've also more than doubled the value of issues we've managed and co-managed in the international capital markets.

## in action overseas...

In America we've opened an international banking office in Miami for the National Bank of North America and have established a US factoring company, NatWest Commercial Services Inc. Our business in the Far East and Australasia is also expanding, spearheaded by our executive office in Singapore. Elsewhere we have been increasing our commitment to project finance, especially in oil and gas development.

## and in action for the community

On the home front, we have been active in both job creation schemes and the Government's Work Experience Programme. We have also introduced experimental work sharing schemes, and have supported local voluntary organisations and other initiatives designed to combat unemployment in our Inner Cities. We have, throughout the year, continued with our broadly-based sponsorship programme.

## The Chairman, Mr Robin Leigh-Pemberton, comments:-

Pre-tax profits for 1982 are down by 11 per cent on 1981 in historic cost terms. This result reflects a pleasing increase in operating income, offset by provisions for bad and doubtful debts, and has been achieved in spite of falling interest rates at home and strong competition overseas. Almost all parts of the Group have contributed to the underlying progress in our business.

The high provision for bad and doubtful debts is a reflection of the continuing cash problems felt by customers in business at home, and of liquidity problems experienced by borrowing countries overseas. Liquidity, interest rate exposure, foreign exchange exposure and credit risk are watched closely and controlled

so that we remain one of the most strongly capitalised banks in the world.

A year ago it seemed reasonable to hope that by the end of 1982 the UK economy would be climbing out of recession. This prospect, and an easing of the social problems of high unemployment, have unfortunately been pushed further into the future. Nevertheless, the foundation for sustained recovery has been strengthened.

From this position the United Kingdom should be able to build a brighter future for which the National Westminster Group is equipped and ready to make its full contribution.

### Financial Highlights 1982

|                      |                 |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Money lodged         | £50,196 million |
| Money lent           | £41,475 million |
| Group pre-tax profit | £439 million    |
| Retained profit      | £329 million    |

Copies of the 1982 Report and Accounts, which include the Chairman's Statement, may be obtained from the Secretary's Office, National Westminster Bank PLC, 41 Lothbury, London EC2P 2BP.

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Unlisted securities market review
Lloyd's broker joins ranks

Four companies last week announced their intentions to join the fast-growing Unlisted Securities Market. Derek Bryant has become the first Lloyd's broker to join the USM with today's placing of 27.2 per cent of the issued share capital.

become a member of the USM. This comes after last month's reverse takeover by the private company Stamfast. Midlands brokers Smith Keen Cutler will be placing 4.7 million shares at 36p a share valuing the company at £3.9m.

There can be no doubting last week's star performer on the USM - Mr Eric Morley's Miss World Group, where dealings started on Thursday amid a blaze of publicity. The 810,000 shares placed at 60p opened at an amazing 133p before ending the week at 142p and valuing the company at £2.7m.

FIXED-INTEREST STOCKS

Table with columns: Stock, Per Cent, Buying Yields, Price, Flat, GRY. Lists various stocks like Allied, BCC, Blue Circle, Courtauld, Delta, Eng. Prop., F.F.I.U.Q., Land Sec., M&P, T.T. & L., Unsecured Loans, BCC, etc.

Oil rich investors look to the East

Bahrain (Reuters) - Arab money managers are looking east for a potentially more profitable home for some of their millions on petrodollars. With their oil output slumping because of the world gulf states are turning to Asia and Australasia partly to diversify investments traditionally held in the United States and Europe, according to bankers and economists.

Asia. Last week it raised its capital to \$100m from \$30m to finance new branches and ventures in the region. Arab bankers and financial advisers, traditionally familiar with the economies of the West, knew little about the East until about three years ago when the west slid into recession.

But Gulf investment managers are also seeking countries with high-growth potential when the world economic recovery begins, they said. The Asia and Pacific Basin countries will have growth considerably in excess of Europe and United States for the next 10 years, Mr John House, Kuwait Asia Bank's general manager predicted.

Private Arab investors and government finance ministries are looking for investment opportunities in major Asian countries. Bankers said Malaysia, for example, was seen as attractive because of its wealth of natural resources and because its Moslem population had religious links with the Middle East.



Results for the year ended 31st December 1982

Another Successful Year

- Profit before taxation £39.5 million. ... up 20% over 1981.
Turnover £867 million. ... up 20% over 1981.
Export orders received £341 million. ... 48% of UK order intake.
Orders in hand £1485 million.
Increased Earnings per share.
Increased Dividend.

Table with columns: Year Ended 31.12.82, Year Ended 31.12.81. Rows include Turnover, Profit before taxation, Profit attributable to NEI Shareholders, Earnings per ordinary share, Dividend per ordinary share.

The 1982 results demonstrate the continuing upward trend of our business. NEI looks forward to yet another successful year in 1983.

Copies of the report are available from the Company Secretary, Northern Engineering Industries plc, NEI House, Regent Centre, Newcastle upon Tyne NE3 3SB. Northern Engineering Industries plc

NATIONAL Girobank. National Girobank announces that with effect from 15th April 1983. Base Rate: Its base rate was reduced from 10 1/2% to 10% per annum. Deposit Accounts: The rate of interest payable on deposit accounts was reduced to 6 3/4% per annum plus 1% per annum bonus on minimum balance over 6 months.

APPOINTMENTS Rea names deputy chairman. Mr Malcolm Wilcox has become a director and a deputy chairman of Rea Brothers. Mr S. A. Meacock is the new chairman of Meacock Samuelson & Devitt (Reinsurance Brokers) and Mr D. J. Forsey becomes managing director. Mr J. M. Horwell becomes a director. Mr R. E. Kerry will retire as chairman of Fine Art Developments at the annual meeting next year.

Hill Samuel Base Rate. With effect from the close of business on April 18, 1983, Hill Samuel's Base Rate for lending will be reduced from 10 1/2 per cent to 10 per cent per annum. Interest payable on the Bank's Demand Deposit Account will be at the rate of 6 3/4 per cent per annum.

Mr Tony Lorenz becomes managing director of Equity Capital for Industry. His appointment follows that of Sir Nigel Foulkes as chairman of ECI from the beginning of this year in place of Lord Plowden who has retired. Mr Jonathan Baker has joined ECI from Citibank as a senior investment executive. Mr Dreanran Wink, previously with L. Messel & Co. becomes company secretary. Mr David Wassborough, assistant director, completes the senior management team.

Co-op Bank announces a change in base rate. From 10.50% to 10.00% p.a. On and after Tuesday, 19th April 1983. Deposit Rates will become: 7 day deposits 6.75% p.a. 1 month deposits 7.00% p.a. Short-term deposits range from 7.75% to 9.35% p.a. depending on amount & term (minimum £500 & 6 months). First Co-operative Finance Limited. Cheque & Save current notional interest rate is 4.50%

Table with columns: Options, Base Lending Rates. Lists interest rates for various banks like ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, etc.

EUROBOND PRICES. Table listing prices for various Eurobonds from different issuers like American Express, Citibank, etc.

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For a copy of our 1982 Annual Report, please contact: The Secretary, Thomas Tilling plc, Crewe House, Cruxton Street, London W1Y 8AX

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This Offer for Sale includes particulars given in compliance with the Regulations of the Council of The Stock Exchange for the purpose of giving information with regard to Octopus Publishing Group Public Limited Company ("Octopus" or "the Company") and its subsidiary companies (together with Octopus "the Group" or "the Octopus Group"). The Directors of Octopus have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated herein are true and accurate in all material respects and that there are no other material facts the omission of which would make misleading any statement herein whether of fact or of opinion. All the Directors accept responsibility accordingly.

Application will be made to the Council of The Stock Exchange for the Ordinary Shares of Octopus issued and now being listed to be admitted to the Official List. Copies of this Offer for Sale, together with the documents specified herein, have been delivered to the Registrar of Companies for registration.

# OCTOPUS PUBLISHING GROUP PLC

## OFFER FOR SALE BY TENDER

— BY —

## N.M. ROTHSCHILD & SONS LIMITED

— OF —

3,100,000 Ordinary Shares of 20p each at a minimum price of 275p per share, the price tendered being payable in full on application

### Key Information

The following information should be read in conjunction with the full text of this Offer for Sale.

#### Business

The Octopus Group is an international business whose principal activity is the publishing of high quality colour illustrated books, primarily non-fiction, representing excellent value for money. The range of books published is wide, from home interest to natural history and general reference subjects.

#### Trading Record

The turnover and profit before taxation of the Octopus Group, taken from the Accountants' Report, are summarised below:

| Year ended 31st December | Profit before taxation |       |
|--------------------------|------------------------|-------|
|                          | Turnover               | £000  |
| 1978                     | 18,260                 | 2,609 |
| 1979                     | 21,779                 | 1,184 |
| 1980                     | 22,266                 | 1,822 |
| 1981                     | 24,476                 | 3,323 |
| 1982                     | 30,751                 | 4,824 |

#### Offer for Sale Statistics at the Minimum Tender Price

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Minimum tender price  | 275p          |
| Market capitalisation of the 10,956,904 Ordinary Shares in issue following this Offer for Sale (being 70 per cent. of the issued equity share capital. This takes no account of the 4,695,816 unlisted Deferred Shares, being 30 per cent. of the issued equity share capital.) | £30.1 million |
| Price earnings ratio based on the earnings per share (calculated by reference to the Ordinary Shares and Deferred Shares in issue following this Offer for Sale) for the year ended 31st December, 1982.  |               |
| after actual tax charge (21.2p per share)   | 13.0 times    |
| after notional 52 per cent. tax charge (14.8p per share)  | 18.6 times    |
| Net tangible assets of the Group  | £15.4 million |
| Net tangible assets per share attributable to each Ordinary Share and each Deferred Share in issue following this Offer for Sale  | 98p           |
| Gross dividend yield on each Ordinary Share on the basis of the indicated level of dividend of 8p per share in respect of the year ended 31st December, 1982.   | 4.2 per cent. |
| Dividend cover based on the Group profit after taxation but before extraordinary items for the year ended 31st December, 1982, the issued share capital following this Offer for Sale and the indicated level of dividend in respect of that year of 8p per Ordinary Share:     |               |
| Cover (Ordinary Shares only ranking for dividend)   | 3.8 times     |
| Cover (as if the Deferred Shares also ranked for dividend)  | 2.6 times     |

### Introduction

The Octopus Group is an international business whose principal activity is the publishing of high quality colour illustrated books, primarily non-fiction, representing excellent value for money. The range of books published is wide, from home interest to natural history and general reference subjects, and Octopus has a catalogue of some 600 active titles in the English language. In its ten year publishing history, Octopus titles have been published in seventeen languages and total cumulative sales now exceed 110 million books.

In the U.K. the Group's book publishing activity is conducted through Octopus Books Limited ("OBL"). The Group also includes a book production company, Mandarin Publishers Limited ("Mandarin"), based in Hong Kong, and Tigerprint Limited ("Tigerprint"), based in London, which designs, produces and markets stationery products.

The shares of Octopus are at present owned by Paul Hamlyn, his family, his fellow Directors, and their related interests and by Group staff. The Directors consider that the Company is now of an appropriate size for its Ordinary Shares to be listed on The Stock Exchange. This will create a market for its Ordinary Shares and will, the Directors believe, enhance its reputation with customers and suppliers and promote a greater public awareness of its products. Following the Offer for Sale, Paul Hamlyn, his family and related interests will continue to own 63 per cent. of the issued Ordinary Shares and 85 per cent. of the issued Deferred Shares in the Company, representing in aggregate 69 per cent. of the total issued voting share capital.

### Development of the Business

Octopus was formed in 1971 and Mandarin was established later in the same year to supervise production of Octopus books in the Far East.

Octopus launched its first publishing programme in 1972 with a list of 55 titles. Octopus adopted a business concept, new to the publishing industry at the time, in that the total programme was pre-sold, prior to printing, to exclusive distributors. This enabled the Group to minimise the administrative burden associated with the fragmentation of the retail book market. In these early years, the majority of sales was made to overseas customers, mainly in the U.S.A. The next two years saw a rapid expansion of the publishing programme and, by 1974, turnover exceeded £4 million.

Octopus had also recognised the considerable unexploited sales potential existing outside the traditional book trade. In particular, some two-thirds of the U.K. population are not regular purchasers of books. The key policy was therefore formed of selling books into high customer traffic flow areas such as multiple retailers and supermarket chains. Octopus approached a number of major retailers, including Marks & Spencer, which, following a successful test in 1975, began to sell, on a nationwide basis, books produced exclusively for it, with Octopus as its principal supplier.

A further significant development was the collaboration with Heinemann, which began in 1976, to publish a hardback series of collected editions of the works of famous twentieth century authors. This range includes selected works of E. E. Lawrence, Graham Greene and George Orwell. The series, which is sold at prices comparing favourably with the prices of individual works in paperback, now covers over 50 authors and worldwide cumulative sales exceed 4 million copies.

In the same year, Octopus extended its business by licensing and producing foreign language editions of some of its titles and, in 1977, had already achieved sales to Europe well in excess of £2 million. At the same time, Mandarin was expanding its production of books for other publishers in Europe and Australia.

Based on the established success of the Marks & Spencer programme, the Company continued to develop the non-traditional book market both at home and overseas and, in 1978, achieved a further breakthrough with a successful test of a range of own brand books produced exclusively for J. Sainsbury. Programmes have also been created for major overseas retailers such as K. Mart Corporation and Waldenbooks in the U.S.A. and G. J. Coles and Myer in Australia.

### Share Capital

| Authorised | Issued and now being issued fully paid |
|------------|--|
| £2,800,000 | £2,191,380.80                          |
| £1,200,000 | £999,163.20                            |
| £4,000,000 | £3,190,544.00                          |

The Ordinary Shares now offered for sale rank in full for all dividends hereafter declared or paid on the ordinary share capital of Octopus.

The Deferred Shares rank *pari passu* with the Ordinary Shares except that they do not rank for any dividends paid or declared, before conversion into Ordinary Shares, in respect of any period ending on or before 31st December, 1986. Application is not being made for the Deferred Shares to be listed on The Stock Exchange. In 1987, each Deferred Share will be converted into one Ordinary Share and an application for the listing of all the Ordinary Shares arising on conversion will then be made by Octopus.

### Indebtedness

On 31st March, 1983, the Group had no borrowings. On that date, the Group's bank balances, cash, short term deposits and marketable securities (at market value of £2.2 million) amounted to £8.4 million.

Apart from intra-group indebtedness, neither Octopus nor any of its subsidiaries had at the close of business on 31st March, 1983 any loan capital (including term loans) outstanding or created but unused, mortgages, charges or other borrowings or indebtedness in the nature of borrowing, including bank overdrafts, liabilities under acceptances (other than in respect of normal trade bills) or acceptance credits, hire purchase commitments, guarantees or other material contingent liabilities.

In 1980, the Directors decided that the creative, marketing and production skills of the Group could be used to develop and sell non-book products. Accordingly, a range of stationery was produced for Marks & Spencer on a test basis. The test was successful and, in 1981, Tigerprint was set up to develop the potential for these products. Since then, Tigerprint's sales have grown rapidly and, although originally based on one customer, both the range of products and, more recently, the customer spread have now been broadened.

In 1981, the Group decided to exploit the potential of the foreign language market in Central and South America and, in 1982, commenced operations by sales of books through a joint venture in Mexico. This venture was successful in publishing and sales terms, but not profitable for the Group because of successive devaluations of the peso and the imposition of import and exchange controls by Mexico.

Also in 1981, steps were taken to develop the significant sales opportunities for republishing books from the backlist of Octopus and other publishers and marketing them at highly competitive prices. Accordingly a new division of the Group, Bounty Books, was created. Its launch was successful and its business expanded rapidly in 1982 and continues to do so.

In just twelve years, Octopus' combination of publishing flair and marketing expertise, supported by tightly controlled purchasing, production and management systems, has enabled it to become one of the leading hardback trade book publishers in the English language.

### Business

#### Publishing

The creative ability of the Company's publishing department is an essential factor in the Group's success. Octopus has consistently demonstrated an ability to identify subjects of wide popular and international appeal and to publish attractive books which generate a high level of consumer demand. Over 75 per cent. of the Group's active titles are colour illustrated and it is the policy of the Group to invest in the origination of colour material, particularly in home interest subjects such as cookery. Over 10,000 colour illustrations were created in 1982 alone. To date the Company has created over 1,000 original titles, the majority of which consist of wholly-owned material, together with a library of some 48,000 colour photographs and artworks. This has involved an editorial investment, including colour origination, of some £10 million, wholly written off under the Group's accounting practice, and has created a reserve of material with considerable revenue potential for future years.

The planning of the Octopus publishing programme is a continuous process and is designed to achieve a release of new titles throughout the year. The initial idea for a title, or series of titles, is usually generated from within the Company, sometimes in conjunction with suggestions from customers. Following an analysis of the market for a projected title, a specific publishing proposal is produced including, *inter alia*, research on the retail price and content of existing books on the subject, a synopsis of editorial content and a recommendation as to its production format. This proposal is refined in discussion with the Directors and other key staff and account is taken both of the desire to achieve sales internationally from a range of customers and distributors and of reprint potential. A projected gross margin is calculated and, if satisfactory, a decision is taken to proceed with preparatory work on that title or series. Final printing commitments are made only when firm orders have been obtained from the principal customers for any given title or series.

In 1982, Octopus published some 200 new titles and new editions. The breakdown by category of the current active range of English language titles can be summarised approximately as follows:

|                        | per cent. |
|------------------------|-----------|
| Cookery                | 30        |
| Fiction                | 14        |
| Children's Books       | 10        |
| Natural History        | 10        |
| General Interest       | 10        |
| Crafts and Hobbies     | 9         |
| Transport and Military | 8         |
| Gardening              | 7         |
| Health and Beauty      | 2         |
|                        | 100       |

### Directors

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|--|------------------------|
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| Sir Claus Moser                        | Non-Executive Director |
| all of 59 Grosvenor Street, London W1. |                        |

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| Receiving Bankers                  | National Westminster Bank PLC<br>New Issues Department, P.O. Box 79, Drapers Gardens<br>12 Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2                                      |
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| Registrars and Transfer Office     | The Chartered Bank<br>4-4a Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong<br>Ravenbourne Registration Services Limited<br>Bourne House, 34 Beckenham Road, Beckenham, Kent |

### Production

The Group's production policy is to concentrate manufacturing in a limited number of centres around the world including the Far East, U.K., Europe and America, and to develop long term relationships with suppliers. The Group owns no factories so that all physical production requirements are fulfilled through bought-in services. Octopus books are generally produced in a range of standard formats which enables economies to be achieved in production, including the purchase of paper, and allows more precise forecast of costs to be made.

The retail book trade is seasonal with a high proportion of annual sales to the public in the pre-Christmas period. This requires effective forward planning and control of the annual publishing and production programmes on the part of Octopus to ensure to the best of its ability both that delivery deadlines are met and that utilisation of printing capacity is spread as evenly as possible throughout the year. However, since the printing of all of Octopus' programme is only undertaken against firm orders, the majority of Octopus' sales are protected to a degree, subject to timely delivery, against the unpredictability of the Christmas retail market.

Books representing approximately two-thirds of the Group's turnover are printed in the Far East, the substantial majority by a small number of selected Hong Kong printers, under the supervision of Mandarin which, wherever possible, negotiates annual arrangements with them on volume and price. Although Mandarin was initially established to serve Octopus, its close relationships with local printing firms and its involvement with high quality printing production have enabled it to establish itself as a supplier to other publishers, to which it now makes approximately one-third of its sales. The influence which Mandarin exercises enables it to provide close supervision on behalf of its customers to ensure a high level of quality control.

Paper, which represents approximately 40 per cent. of the production cost of a book, is provided by the Group to most of its printers. Substantial stocks of all main grades of paper are maintained, purchase orders being given up to a year in advance of expected utilisation. The large volumes of paper used give the Group a certain degree of buying power which helps it to obtain consistently high quality paper at competitive prices.

### Marketing

The main channels for marketing the Group's products are through sales to book trade distributors including foreign publishers and book clubs (representing, in 1982, approximately 45 per cent. of Group turnover) and major retailing organisations (approximately 40 per cent.). Marketing policy is controlled by the Managing Director, working in close conjunction with the English and foreign language marketing executives. The Company has subsidiaries in the U.S.A. and Australia which render marketing and other services to it and which also publish books in their own right. In addition, sales by Mandarin to third party publishers represented, in 1982, approximately 15 per cent. of Group turnover.

Sales of English language books to the book trade are made through an international network of trade distributors (including W. H. Smith Distributors and Bookwise in the U.K., Gordon and Gotch in Australasia and Doubleday in Canada). The publishing programmes for these distributors are planned and pre-sold in advance of printing after a continuous and close liaison between Octopus' marketing and publishing departments. Octopus' marketing staff also work closely with its distributors with a view to ensuring the successful promotion of its books at the point of sale. Octopus participates with them in jointly funded advertising campaigns and provides merchandising units which are now widely installed in retail outlets.

Complementary to the distribution network are the relationships which Octopus has with key retailers throughout the world for whom Octopus has developed exclusive publishing programmes. These retailers include major store chains in the U.K., U.S.A. and Australia (including Marks & Spencer, K. Mart U.S.A. and K. Mart Australia), leading supermarket chains in the U.K. and Australia (including J. Sainsbury and G. J. Coles) and the principal book chains of the U.S.A. and Canada (for example B. Dalton Booksellers, Waldenbooks, Coles and Classics). Again, these programmes are planned in consultation with the customers well in advance of production.



OCTOPUS PUBLISHING GROUP PLC (Continued)

Notes (a) Fixed assets The fixed assets at 31st December 1982 were made up as follows:

Details of the associated company are set out in the Schedule to this report. At 31st December, 1982, the aggregate market value of listed investments was £300,000 included in unlisted investments in an investment in TV-AM Limited as follows:

Since the Directors are unable to determine the precise value of the investment in TV-AM Limited in the present circumstances, they have considered it prudent to value the Company's investment at £1.

Share Capital 1,540,228 Ordinary Shares of £1 each fully paid 673,020 10 per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each fully paid

Accelerated capital allowances Other timing differences Recoverable ACT

Current cost accounts 14 The current cost accounts, which are in summarised form, have been prepared by reference to current cost principles in conformity with SSAP 16.

Current cost profit and loss accounts 18 The consolidated current cost profit and loss accounts for the two years ended 31st December, 1982 are set out below:

Turnover Operating profit under the historical cost convention, before interest Current cost operating adjustments

Current cost profit retained Dividends Current cost earnings per share calculated fully diluted

Notes: (a) Current cost operating adjustments The current cost operating adjustments are made up as follows:

Current cost balance sheet 19 The summarised consolidated current cost balance sheet at 31st December, 1982 is set out below:

Fixed assets Investments Net current assets: Stocks Monetary working capital (net)

Notes: (a) Fixed and leased assets The gross current cost of leasehold properties, motor vehicles, office equipment and furniture and fittings has been derived by applying appropriate government indices to the historical cost.

Short leasehold Motor vehicles, office equipment, furniture and fittings

Audited accounts 20 No audited accounts for any company in the Group have been prepared in respect of any period subsequent to 31st December, 1982.

Schedule to the Accountants' Report Subsidiary and associated companies

Table with columns: Company, Date of Incorporation, Country of Incorporation, Nature of Business, Issued Share Capital, Percentage of Issued Capital Held

Statutory and General Information Terms defined elsewhere in this Offer for Sale bear the same meanings in this information section.

Share Capital 1. The Company was incorporated in England as a private company under the name Paul Books Limited on 19th February, 1971 as a subsidiary of News International Limited.

Authorized £1,500,000 £1,200,000 £1,000,000 in Ordinary Shares of 20p each in Deferred Shares of 20p each

Without the prior approval of the Company in General Meeting: (i) no material issue of shares will be made within 12 months from the date hereof (save to shareholders pro rata to existing shareholdings);

At 14th April, 1981, the authorized share capital of the Company was £1,600,000 divided into 640,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each, of which 511,075 were issued fully paid or credited as fully paid.

(i) On 20th August, 1981, 1,186 Ordinary Shares of £1 each were issued for cash under the Profit Sharing Scheme. (ii) On 5th May, 1982, the authorized share capital was increased from £1,600,000 to £2,000,000 by the creation of 400,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 512,261 Ordinary Shares of £1 each were issued by way of capitalisation of reserves.

(v) On 21st October, 1982, the authorized share capital was increased from £2,000,000 to £2,500,000 by the creation of 500,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 513,409 Ordinary Shares of £1 each were issued by way of capitalisation of reserves.

(v) On 21st October, 1982, the authorized share capital was increased from £2,500,000 to £3,000,000 by the creation of 500,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 513,409 Ordinary Shares of £1 each were issued by way of capitalisation of reserves.

(v) On 21st October, 1982, the authorized share capital was increased from £3,000,000 to £4,000,000 by the creation of 1,000,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 513,409 Ordinary Shares of £1 each were issued by way of capitalisation of reserves.

(v) On 21st October, 1982, the authorized share capital was increased from £4,000,000 to £5,000,000 by the creation of 1,000,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 513,409 Ordinary Shares of £1 each were issued by way of capitalisation of reserves.

(v) On 21st October, 1982, the authorized share capital was increased from £5,000,000 to £6,000,000 by the creation of 1,000,000 Ordinary Shares of £1 each and 513,409 Ordinary Shares of £1 each were issued by way of capitalisation of reserves.

2. The Articles of Association of the Company, adopted on 19th April, 1983, contain, inter alia, provisions to the following effect: (i) Voting: On a show of hands, every member who is present in person shall have one vote and on a poll every member who is present in person or by proxy shall have one vote for every share of which he is the holder.

(ii) Directors: (a) The ordinary remuneration of the Directors shall from time to time be determined by the Directors and such remuneration shall be payable in proportion to the period during which they are so determined. The Directors may be repaid such reasonable expenses incurred by them in attending and returning from meetings of the Directors or of a committee of the Directors or General Meetings of the Company or otherwise in or about the business of the Company.

(iii) Directors: (a) The Directors shall not be bound to pay any money to any person other than themselves or a person acting as their agent, trustee or assignee. (b) The Directors shall not be bound to pay any money to any person other than themselves or a person acting as their agent, trustee or assignee.

(c) The Directors shall not be bound to pay any money to any person other than themselves or a person acting as their agent, trustee or assignee. (d) The Directors shall not be bound to pay any money to any person other than themselves or a person acting as their agent, trustee or assignee.

(e) The Directors shall not be bound to pay any money to any person other than themselves or a person acting as their agent, trustee or assignee. (f) The Directors shall not be bound to pay any money to any person other than themselves or a person acting as their agent, trustee or assignee.

(g) The Directors shall not be bound to pay any money to any person other than themselves or a person acting as their agent, trustee or assignee. (h) The Directors shall not be bound to pay any money to any person other than themselves or a person acting as their agent, trustee or assignee.

(v) Deferred Shares Under the resolution of the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held in 1987 or the day after the payment of the final dividend in respect of the financial period of the Company ending 31st December, 1986 (whichever is the later) ("the conversion date") the following provisions will apply to the Deferred Shares:

(a) Dividends: The Deferred Shares will not rank for any dividends declared or paid prior to the conversion date in respect of any period ending on or before 31st December, 1986.

(b) Capitalisation issues: In the event of any allotment of shares credited as fully paid up by way of capitalisation of profits or reserves, the holders of the Deferred Shares will become entitled to further Deferred Shares created as fully paid up and ranking pari passu with the ordinary Shares in the same proportions as the holders of Ordinary Shares became entitled to further Ordinary Shares.

(c) Subdivision and consolidation: The Company will not subdivide or consolidate any of the Ordinary Shares unless at the same time it subdivides or consolidates (as the case may be) the Deferred Shares on the same basis.

(d) Issues by way of rights: In the event of an issue of any securities by way of rights to the holders of the Ordinary Shares, the holders of the Deferred Shares will be offered the opportunity to participate in such rights issue on the same terms as the holders of the Ordinary Shares.

(e) Return of capital: On a return of capital on a winding up or otherwise, the holders of the Deferred Shares will be entitled to participate with the holders of the Ordinary Shares pari passu in proportion to the capital paid up thereon.

(f) Voting: At all General Meetings of the Company each holder of Deferred Shares will have one vote on a show of hands and upon a poll one vote for every Deferred Share held by him.

(g) Passing of control: If an offer is made for Ordinary Shares of the Company on terms under which control of the Company would pass and if the offer is unconditional or deemed unconditional, then, unless there is also made an offer for all the Deferred Shares on terms which, in the opinion of an independent financial adviser having regard to all the relevant circumstances, are fair and reasonable, each holder of Deferred Shares will become entitled to receive as fully paid up ordinary Shares held by him into Ordinary Shares on the basis of one Ordinary Share for every Deferred Share.

(h) Conversion: On the conversion date the Deferred Shares will automatically be converted into and re-designated as Ordinary Shares on the basis of one Ordinary Share for every Deferred Share and will rank pari passu with the Ordinary Shares in all respects.

(i) Variation of class rights: The special rights attached to each class of shares may be varied or abrogated with the written consent of the holders of three-fourths in nominal value of the issued shares of the relevant class or with the sanction of an extraordinary resolution passed at a separate general meeting of the holders of that class.

(j) The special rights attached to the Deferred Shares shall be deemed to be varied by (i) any issue of shares in the Company other than Ordinary Shares or Deferred Shares ranking pari passu with the existing shares of that class; (ii) any issue of Deferred Shares by way of capitalisation to persons other than the holders of the Deferred Shares; (iii) any variation of the rights attached to the Ordinary Shares; (iv) any change in the date of the end of the financial year of the Company; or (v) any distribution of Ordinary Shares of capital profits or capital reserves or (vi) any payment of dividends to Ordinary Shareholders out of revenue profits or reserves in excess of certain specified limits.

Directors' Interests 3) Following this Offer for Sale the interests of the Directors in the issued share capital of the Company, as they will appear in the register maintained under the provisions of the Companies Act 1981, will be as follows:

Table with columns: Director, Ordinary Shares, Non-Beneficial, Percentage of ordinary share capital, Deferred Shares, Non-Beneficial, Percentage of deferred share capital

Mr. P. B. W. Hamlyn's non-beneficial interest in Deferred Shares is duplicated in that of Mr. R. Gavron.

Under the Offer for Sale contract referred to in paragraph 4 below, the Directors (other than Mrs. S. M. Thomson and Mr. T. H. B. Clode), together with certain other Vendors, have undertaken that they will not (without the prior written consent of N. M. Rothschild & Sons Limited ("Rothschild's")) dispose of any Ordinary Shares or Deferred Shares beneficially owned by them or registered in their respective names prior to 14th April, 1984, except to certain family or related interests.

(i) Mr. P. B. W. Hamlyn is a Non-Executive Director of and shareholder in News International plc whose subsidiaries will be receiving payment for advertising in connection with the publication of this prospectus and abridged particulars thereof.

(ii) Mr. R. Gavron is a Non-Executive Director of and shareholder in News International plc whose subsidiaries will be receiving payment for advertising in connection with the publication of this prospectus and abridged particulars thereof.

(iii) Mr. R. Gavron is the Chairman and controlling shareholder of St. Ives Group Limited, a subsidiary of which prints books for the Group.

(iv) Sir Claus Moser is a Vice-Chairman of N. M. Rothschild & Sons Limited, which is a party to the Offer for Sale contract described in paragraph 4 below (under which it will be receiving a fee for its services in connection with this Offer for Sale) and also receives fees for other advice given to the Group. He is also a shareholder in its holding company.

(v) The aggregate emoluments of the Directors of the Company who held office during the year ended 31st December, 1982 amounted to £236,000. It is estimated that the amount payable to the Directors in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1983 will amount to approximately £243,000.

(vi) By an agreement dated 30th March, 1983 Mr. T. H. B. Clode was appointed Managing Director of the Company for seven years from 1st April, 1983 at a fixed salary of £55,000, subject to annual reviews, and under which he also receives other benefits.

(vii) On 23rd December, 1982, Mr. P. B. W. Hamlyn purchased a boat previously owned by the Company for £10,075, being the open market valuation at the time of purchase.

(viii) Mrs. S. M. Thomson continues to use this surname for business purposes although her married name is Mrs. S. M. Davis.

(ix) Save as disclosed in sub-paragraph (viii) above, no Director of the Company has or had an interest in any securities within two years of the date hereof, have been or are proposed to be acquired or disposed of by or leased to the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

(x) Save as disclosed in sub-paragraphs (ii), (iv) and (v) above, no contract or arrangement subsists in which a Director of the Company is materially interested and which is significant in relation to the business of the Company and its subsidiaries or any of its subsidiaries.

(xi) Save as disclosed in sub-paragraph (ii) above, no Director of the Company has a service contract with the Company or any of its subsidiaries which does not expire or is not determinable by the employing company without payment of compensation (other than statutory compensation) within one year, and no such contract is proposed.

Offer for Sale Contract 4 By an agreement dated 14th April, 1983 between (1) the Company (2) Mr. P. B. W. Hamlyn and the other vendors named therein ("the Vendors") (3) the Directors of the Company ("the Directors") and (4) Rothschild's, Rothschild's agreed with the Company and the Vendors to enter into the Offer for Sale contract (the "Offer for Sale contract") under which the Company will acquire the issued share capital of the Company for sale to the Vendors for an aggregate of 1,310,000 Ordinary Shares of the Company in issue and now being issued, to purchase an aggregate of 3,100,000 Ordinary Shares of the Company from the Vendors for a consideration per share equal to the striking price under the Offer for Sale (less a 1 per cent. of the minimum tender price). Under the Offer for Sale contract an indemnity was given by the Vendors to the Company and the Directors whereby they will pay underwriting commissions at the rate of 1% per cent. of the minimum tender price and a fee at the rate of 1/4 per cent. of the minimum tender price to the brokers to the Offer for Sale. The Company has agreed to pay all other costs and expenses of and incidental to the Offer for Sale, the capital reorganisation referred to above and the application for admission of the Ordinary Shares issued and now being issued to the Official List, including a fee to Rothschild's, Rothschild's legal fees and other expenses, the costs and expenses of the Reporting Accountants and the costs of printing, advertising and circulating the Offer for Sale. Stamp duty where applicable will be paid by the relevant Vendors (which would amount to £27,546 at the minimum tender price). The total expenses payable by the Company are estimated to amount to £300,000. The Vendors have agreed to reimburse £85,250 of such expenses to the Company. In addition, undertakings not to dispose of shares have been given as described in sub-paragraph 3(i) above.

Vendor: P. B. W. Hamlyn and his family and related interests 2,417,025; Other Executive Directors, their families, and related interests 637,160; Staff 45,815; Total 3,100,000

Material Contracts of the Company and its Subsidiaries 4 The following contracts, not being contracts entered into in the ordinary course of business, have been entered into within the two years immediately preceding the date hereof by the Company or its subsidiaries and are, or may be, material:

(i) An agreement dated in February, 1983 between (1) Aitken Telecommunications Holdings Limited, Eastern Counties Newspapers Group Limited, RIT & Northern PLC, Robert Stigwood Group Limited, Octopus, Barclays Bank, Televisual Limited and P.F.I. (Contract Holdings Limited) (2) The Prudential Assurance Company Limited, Merchant Navy Officers Pension Fund Trustees Limited and The Alva Investment Trust PLC and (3) TV-AM Limited whereby, inter alia, Octopus was released from an obligation imposed upon it under the provisions of an exchange of letters dated 10th March, 1981 and 24th March, 1981 (pursuant to which it had agreed to invest in TV-AM Limited) to make any additional investment in TV-AM Limited.

(ii) An agreement dated 29th October, 1982 between (1) Mandarin, A.Zecha and J. B. Owen and (2) Au Bai Lang pursuant to which Mandarin sold 500,000 Ordinary Shares (50 per cent.) in Unicorn Books Limited ("Unicorn") for approximately HK\$1.4 million.

(iii) A supplemental agreement dated 29th October, 1982 between the parties referred to in sub-paragraph (ii) above whereby Unicorn and Octopus Books Limited ("OBL") agreed to grant to Unicorn exclusive rights until 30th June, 1986 to publish translations into Chinese of all the books in which the Group has the copyright, against the payment of royalties by Unicorn. In addition, Mandarin agreed to provide printing, colour separation and shipping facilities to Unicorn until such date on terms no less favourable than it offers to OBL, and

(iv) The Offer for Sale contract referred to in paragraph 4 above.

Taxation 4) Following the completion of this Offer for Sale, the Company will be a close company within the meaning of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1970.

(i) Apportionment allowances have been obtained where appropriate in respect of the Group in respect of all periods up to and including the year ended 31st December, 1981.

(ii) The Finance Bill 1983 proposes legislation to take effect from 6th April, 1984 which may affect all companies resident in the U.K. which have subsidiaries resident in low tax areas. The effect of the proposed legislation would be that any such subsidiary's profits would be subject to apportionment and, accordingly, to U.K. corporation tax (unless it satisfied the test whereby its activities would be considered exempt or it distributed 30 per cent. of its profits in each accounting period). The Directors have been advised that, on the basis of the proposed legislation, Mandarin should satisfy such exempt activities test.

(iii) Under a deed of indemnity dated 14th April, 1983, Mr. P. B. W. Hamlyn has given indemnities in respect of taxation.

Premises 7 The Group occupies the following leasehold premises all of which (except the last) are offices:

Table with columns: Location, Approximate Net Floor Area, Expiry Date, Annual Rent





FOOTBALL: WHITESIDE SPARES A TEAR FOR THE FALLEN

New babe's sweet scent of success in a field redolent of poppies

By Stuart Jones Football Correspondent

Manchester United... Arsenal... Twenty-five years ago the strength of a national team broken at Munich to reach the FA Cup final...

than twice as old, was dignity itself. At the close of his career at the top he took the time to shake the hands of disappointed youngsters in the crowd...



The overhead line from Brighton. Foster goes into reverse to avert certain disaster.

Aberdeen victory takes its toll

Maxwell: Merge or I resign

Aberdeen, the Scottish Cup holders, won their way once again to the final by beating Celtic 1-0 in an edgy, often tense, semi-final at Hampden but now face problems just before their European Cup Winners' tie with Waterschei in Belgium on Tuesday...

Robert Maxwell will resign as chairman of Oxford United, if his plans for an historic merger with Reading, 26 miles away, fall through...

Saturday headache, Wednesday amnesia

but as the year they failed either to reach Wembley or win promotion. Just as the margin between success and failure in a season can be narrow down to one match, so one incident can determine the destiny of that game...

reward for their remarkable exploits in the Cup. Foster, who played with a boil on his right elbow that frequently left him wincing in agony, marshalled Brighton's resuffed defence superbly and with the score at 1-1 saved his side with an extraordinary overhead clearance on the line from McCulloch...

Spring a surprise

Maybe it was the warm spring sunshine inducing an unexpected air of flippancy into the proceedings. Perhaps it was just that glorious uncertainty which makes football the game it is...

Early derailment

Newport County... Portsmouth... Some things in life can only get better. Saturday's game at Somerton Park was no exception...

Weaker solution

Leeds United... Fulham... The scent of promotion, so pungent in the Yorkshire camp with two minutes to go and a crucial match almost in the bag, was cruelly diffused when Fulham scored...

pace off the mark kept Fulham on their toes; within minutes he was bustling between Brown and Hopkins to bring Peyton to his knees...

Harrowing experience

Telford United, two goals down from the semi-final first leg, staged a remarkable comeback to trounce Harrow Borough 3-1 on Saturday and reach the final of the FA Trophy for the third time...

Supporters in Chelsea protest

About 300 Chelsea supporters staged a sit-in at Stamford Bridge on Saturday after their team's 2-0 defeat by Newcastle United...

Hungary scare England

The importance of an England win over Hungary in the European Championship Group 2B qualifier at Wembley on April 27 was made even clearer yesterday...

Lancing win in centenary year

Lancing Old Boys, the Arthurian League champions, met in their centenary year, won the Arthurian League Cup at Champion Hill on Saturday for the first time by beating the Old Chigwellians 2-0...

HOCKEY

Defence at fault as England fail to qualify

From Joyce Whitehead Knaba Lumper England have failed to qualify for the finals of the World Cup in Kuala Lumpur. A day or a loss by one goal would have been sufficient when they played West Germany yesterday...

On Saturday England's Vicki Dixon was fit for play after all and they did well to beat the Soviet Union 3-1. Their chances looked good for the final so yesterday's result was a bitter disappointment...

Table with 5 columns: Team, P, W, D, L, F, A, Pts. Rows include Netherlands, Austria, United States, Scotland, Soviet Union.

Neston win cup for first time

Neston, the Cheshire cup holders, composed another tale of the unexpected by beating Slough at St Albans yesterday to win the national championship sponsored by Rank Xerox for the first time...

GYMNASICS

Winch dazzles to win silver medal

British hope of a medal at the Champions All event sponsored by the Daily Mirror at Wembley on Saturday, seemed dashed when Keith Winch had to withdraw with an ankle injury after his floor exercise...

Today's fixtures

Football fixtures for various leagues including Premier League, Second Division, and others. Includes match times and venues.

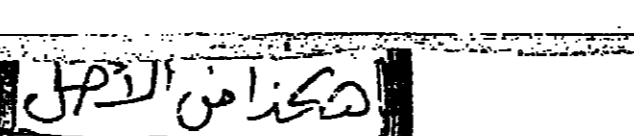
Table of football fixtures for various leagues including First division, Second division, and Third division. Lists teams, times, and venues.

Table of football fixtures for various leagues including Scottish Cup, Scottish League, and Scottish League Cup. Lists teams, times, and venues.

Table of football fixtures for various leagues including Scottish League, Scottish League Cup, and Scottish League Cup. Lists teams, times, and venues.

Table of football fixtures for various leagues including Scottish League, Scottish League Cup, and Scottish League Cup. Lists teams, times, and venues.

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## UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD 'New Blood' appointments in Science (including Clinical Medicine and Mathematics)

Applications are invited for the following university lectureships vacant from 1 October 1983.

It is intended that these appointments should be held in conjunction with a college fellowship. Further particulars of the university lectureships, and of relevant college posts, may be obtained from the head of the department involved. In each case, to whom applications (on typed copies, or on form for overseas applicants) should be sent. (Separate application is not necessary for an associated college post.) The closing date for receipt of applications is 17 May 1983.

**AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND BOTANY:** Application of Physical Techniques to Plant Biochemistry. (This is a joint appointment between the two departments, but enquiries and applications should be addressed to the Department of Agricultural Science, Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PE Telephone Oxford (0865) 57245.)

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**ENGINEERING SCIENCE:** Soil Mechanics. (Department of Engineering Science, Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PL Telephone Oxford (0865) 59988.)

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**ORGANIC CHEMISTRY:** (1) Bio-organic Chemistry. (2) Synthetic Organic Chemistry. (Dyson Perrins Laboratory, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3QT Telephone Oxford (0865) 57809.)

**PHYSIOLOGY:** Physiology of Excitable Membranes. (University Laboratory of Physiology, South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3PT Telephone Oxford (0865) 57451.)

**PSYCHIATRY:** Cognitive Processes in the Treatment and Prevention of Physical and Psychological illness. (Department of Psychiatry, Warneford Hospital, Oxford OX3 7JX Telephone Oxford (0865) 246551.)

**SURGERY:** Transplantation Immunology. (Nuffield Department of Surgery, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford OX3 9DU Telephone Oxford (0865) 817568.)

**THEORETICAL PHYSICS:** Theoretical Elementary Particle Physics. (Department of Theoretical Physics, 1 Keble Road, Oxford OX1 3NP Telephone Oxford (0865) 53281.)

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Further particulars and application forms returnable by 20 May 1983, available from the Personnel Office, Sussex House, University of Sussex, Brighton, BN1 9RH (Brighton 030755 ext 434, Ms Atkins) quoting reference 4517.

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Further particulars from Professor David H. Smith, Department of Geography, Queen Mary College, Mile End Road, London, E1 4NS (Tel. 01-980-4811).

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TV-am

6.00 Daybreak presented by Gavin Scott followed at 6.30 with Good Morning Britain introduced by Nick Owen.

CHOICE

These changes will be examined in next week's programme. Comedy/Documentary series ST COMEDY (10.00pm) seems like a medical version of the award-winning Hill Street Blues.

BBC 2

6.05 Open University: Complex Human Ecosystems. 1. 6.30 The Gamble of Investment? 6.55 Maths: Least Squares.

CHANNEL 4

5.00 As Good as New. Mike Smith visits the programme in his series on furniture renovation. He continues with the refurbishing of the old library table that he began last week.

Radio 4

6.00 New Briefing. 6.10 Farming Week. 6.25 Shipping Forecast. 6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day.

Radio 3

6.45 Weather. 7.00 News. 7.05 Morning Concert: Elgar, Bruckner, Chopin, Weill; records.

Radio 2

6.00 Ray Moore. 7.30 Terry Wogan. 10.00 A 20th Century Music Hour.

Radio 1

6.00 Adrian John. 7.00 Steve Wright. 8.00 Simon Bates. 11.30 Mike Smith.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00am News. 6.30 My World. 7.00 World News. 7.05 Twenty-Four Hours. News Summary.

BBC1

WALLES 12.07pm-1.00 News of Wales. Headlines. 3.55-3.55 News of Wales.

TSW

As London except. 10.30am Cartoon. 10.40 Handmade Toys. 1.20pm News.

CHANNEL

As London except. Starts 12.00-12.10. 1.20-1.30 News. 2.00-4.00 Film: Duel at Diablo.

TYNE TEES

As London except. Starts 9.55am-9.59. 9.59-10.00 News. 10.00-10.05 News.

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ENTERTAINMENTS

APOLLO THEATRE. 430-435. 435-440. 440-445. 445-450. 450-455.

OPERA & BALLET

ROYAL OPERA. 7.30. 8.00. 8.30. 9.00. 9.30. 10.00.

CONCERTS

AMERICAN HALL. 8.00. 8.30. 9.00. 9.30. 10.00. 10.30.

THEATRES

THEATRE ROYAL. 7.30. 8.00. 8.30. 9.00. 9.30. 10.00.

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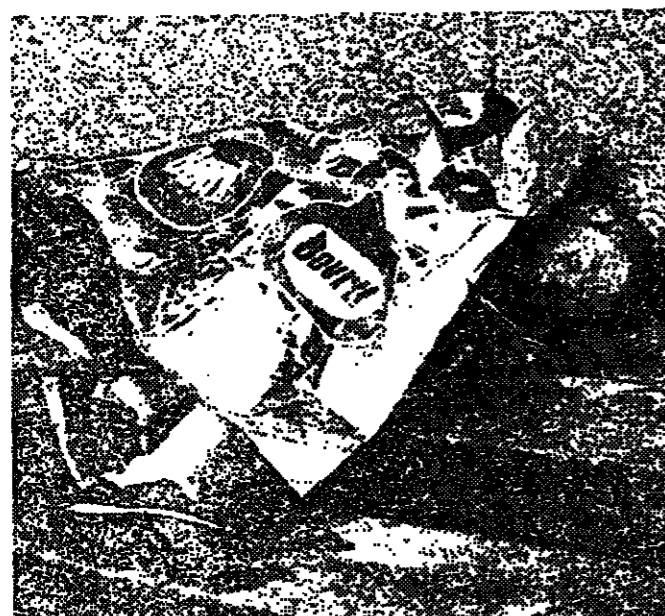
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Everything but loneliness for the long-distance runners



Competitors on wheels and on foot show similar determination. But for some the race ended on the pavement, covered in silver foil. Photographs: Bill Warhurst, Brian Harris and Sursh Karadia

Continued from page 1... smell of embrocation well before the 9.30am start just outside Greenwich Park. There you could eavesdrop on typical marathon conversation and a unique language it is. Mr Ivan Green, a sales manager, aged 42, from Bedfordshire, was drinking coffee; not to wake himself up, but to convert body fats into glycogen. He was worried not about sore feet or exhaustion, but "The Wall", a barrier both physical and psychological which marathon runners encounter about three-quarters of the way through the race.

But such thoughts were put firmly to the backs of their minds as the 18,000 competitors jogged up and down in dustbin-liners to keep off the rain, said goodbye to their loved ones and laughed and joked with the instant camaraderie of soldiers going to war. Then, waving bravely at the television cameras, they were off.

By the time they reached Tower Bridge, about half-way

Race report and first 100 page 26



In the thick of it: Three miles from the start and the runners are still bunched together

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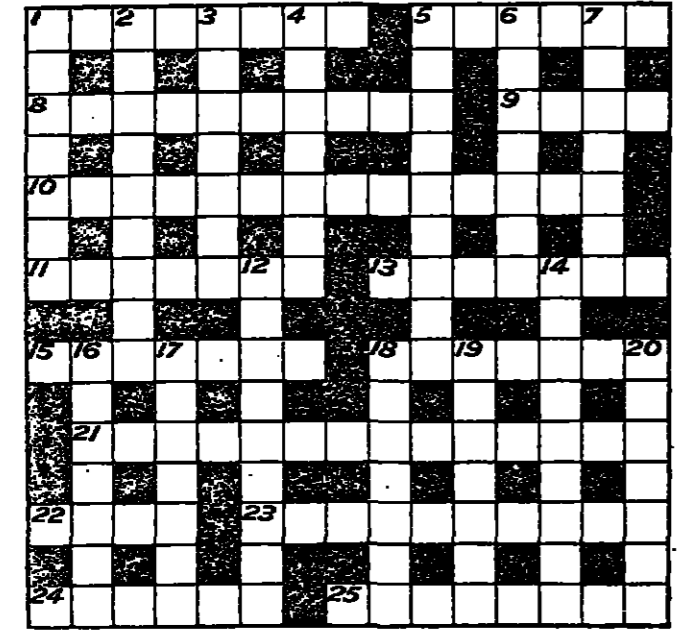
Today's events

Royal engagements: The Duke of Edinburgh attends an exhibition of driving vehicles at Harrods, London, 6.30. The Duke of Kent, Chairman of the United Kingdom Committee of European Music Year 1983, attends a committee meeting at the Arts Council of Great Britain, 105 Piccadilly, W1, 12.15.

Gallery, Chamberlain Square, Birmingham: Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (until spring 1983). Recent paintings by David Imms. Central Museum and Art Gallery, Guildhall Road, Northampton: Mon to Sat 10 to 6, Thur and Sat until 8 (until May 9).

closed Sat and Tues (from today until May 2). Talks, lectures: There's More to a Museum than the Collection. Camden Works Museum, Julian Road, Bath, 7.30.

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16.106



- ACROSS: 1 Paper goes on with the motley (8). 2 Queen from Denmark accepts one - hence Cleopatra's Needle (10).

National days

Israel celebrates 35 years of independence today. On May 14, 1948, Britain surrendered the UN Mandate under which it had ruled Palestine since 1920, and the state of Israel was proclaimed amid strife between Jews and Arabs. At that time it had no agreed borders, but was quickly recognized by the United States and the Soviet Union.

Nature notes

Cuckoos are back, calling tirelessly across the fields. Nightingales are singing in the copses by day and night - but not all singers in the dark are nightingales: robins and wrens can also be heard in the small hours.

The Times/Halifax house price index

Table showing monthly index average of second-hand houses (seasonally adjusted) for December 1977 to March 1983, with columns for Index, Average price (£), % change over the preceding year, and % change over the preceding 6 months and 3 months.

Despite the surge of activity in the housing market, the latest Times-Halifax House Price Index fell marginally during March to 185.0 compared with 185.3 the previous month. The average cost of a second-hand home, including the purchase tax, is now £27,200 an increase of 12 per cent over the same month a year ago.

Bond winners

Winning numbers in the weekly draw for premium bond prizes are: £100,000: 10XF 167615 (Winner lives in the London Borough of Southwark); £50,000: 20XF 677316 (Hertfordshire); £25,000: 17ZF 898987 (Derby).

Parliament today

Commons (2.30): Debate on Brandt Commission report, 7th Common Crisis. Lords (2.30): Telecommunication Bill, second reading.

Anniversaries

Antero de Quental, poet, was born at Ponta Delgada, Azores, 1842. Ottorino Respighi died in Rome, 1936.

The pound

Table showing bank rates for various countries including Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and USA.

Weather

A trough of low pressure will cover Britain. 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S, E England, East Anglia, Midlands: Sunny periods and scattered showers developing.

NOON TODAY Pressure is shown in millibars FRONTS



Table of high tides for various locations including London Bridge, Aberdeen, Avonmouth, Belfast, Devonport, Falmouth, Glasgow, Harwich, Holyhead, Hull, Liverpool, Lowestoft, Newcastle, Northfleet, Portlaoine, Southampton, Swansea, Tees, and Walsby-on-Sea.

Around Britain

Table showing weather conditions (Sun, Rain, Mist, Cloud) and temperature (C, F) for various locations across the British Isles including St Andrews, Aberdeen, Ballyclare, Bangor, Belfast, Birkenhead, Blackburn, Bournemouth, Bradford, Brighton, Bristol, Cardiff, Chester, Colchester, Coventry, Dover, Dundee, Exeter, Farnborough, Glasgow, Harrogate, Hereford, Hull, Ipswich, Lancaster, Liverpool, London, Luton, Manchester, Milton Keynes, Newcastle, Norwich, Nottingham, Oxford, Plymouth, Portsmouth, Reading, Southampton, Swansea, Telford, Torquay, Wakefield, and Wolverhampton.

Abroad

Table showing weather conditions and temperature for various international locations including Alicante, Athens, Barcelona, Berlin, Birmingham, Bonn, Brussels, Bucharest, Budapest, Calcutta, Cardiff, Catania, Copenhagen, Dublin, Edinburgh, Frankfurt, Geneva, Hong Kong, Istanbul, Jerusalem, London, Lyons, Madrid, Manila, Mexico City, Moscow, New York, Ottawa, Paris, Rome, Seoul, Singapore, Stockholm, Taipei, Tokyo, Vancouver, Wellington, and Zurich.

The Solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No. 16.10's will appear next Saturday

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